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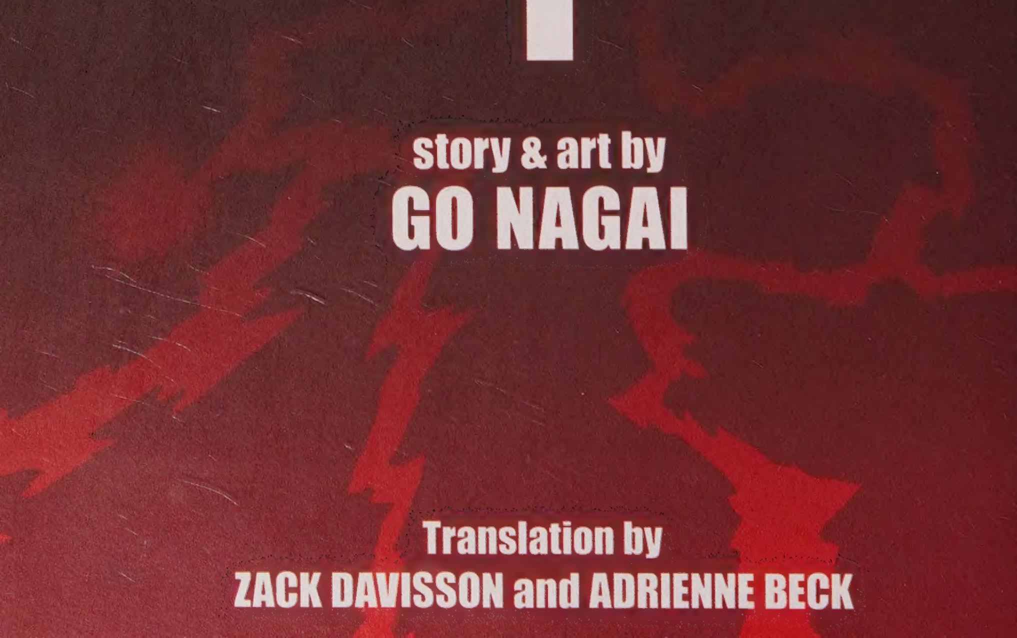

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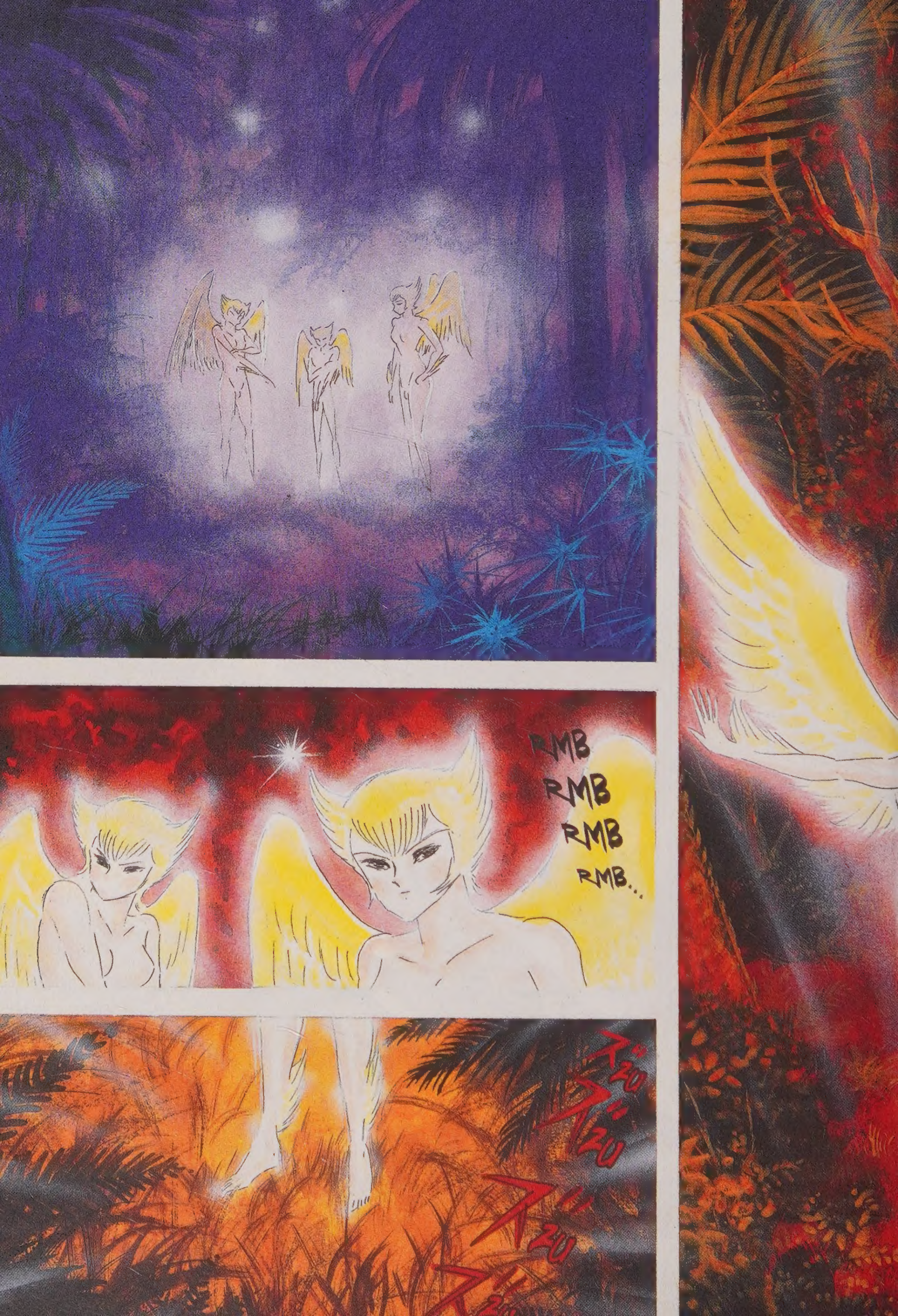
Chapter 1: Great War of Legends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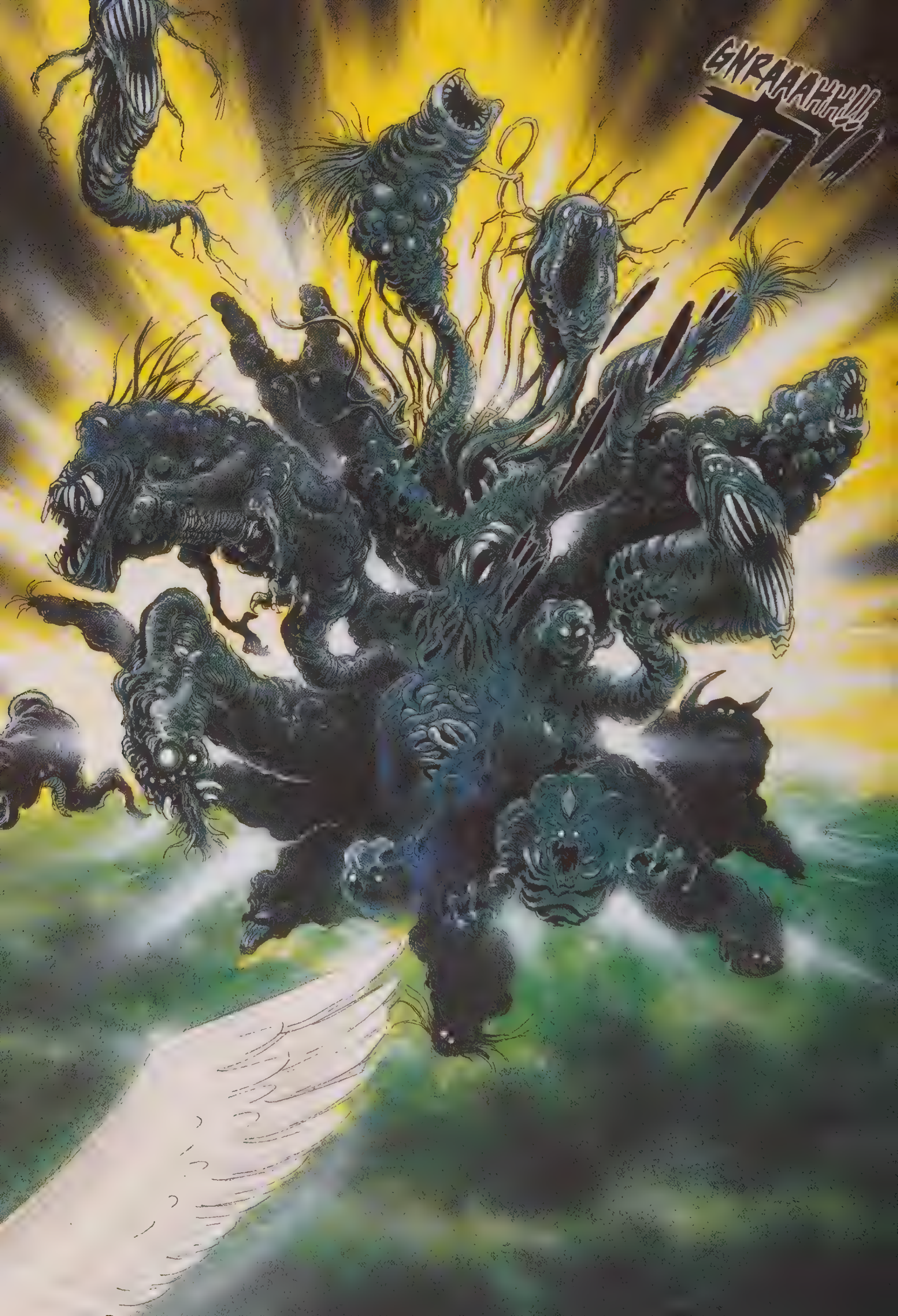
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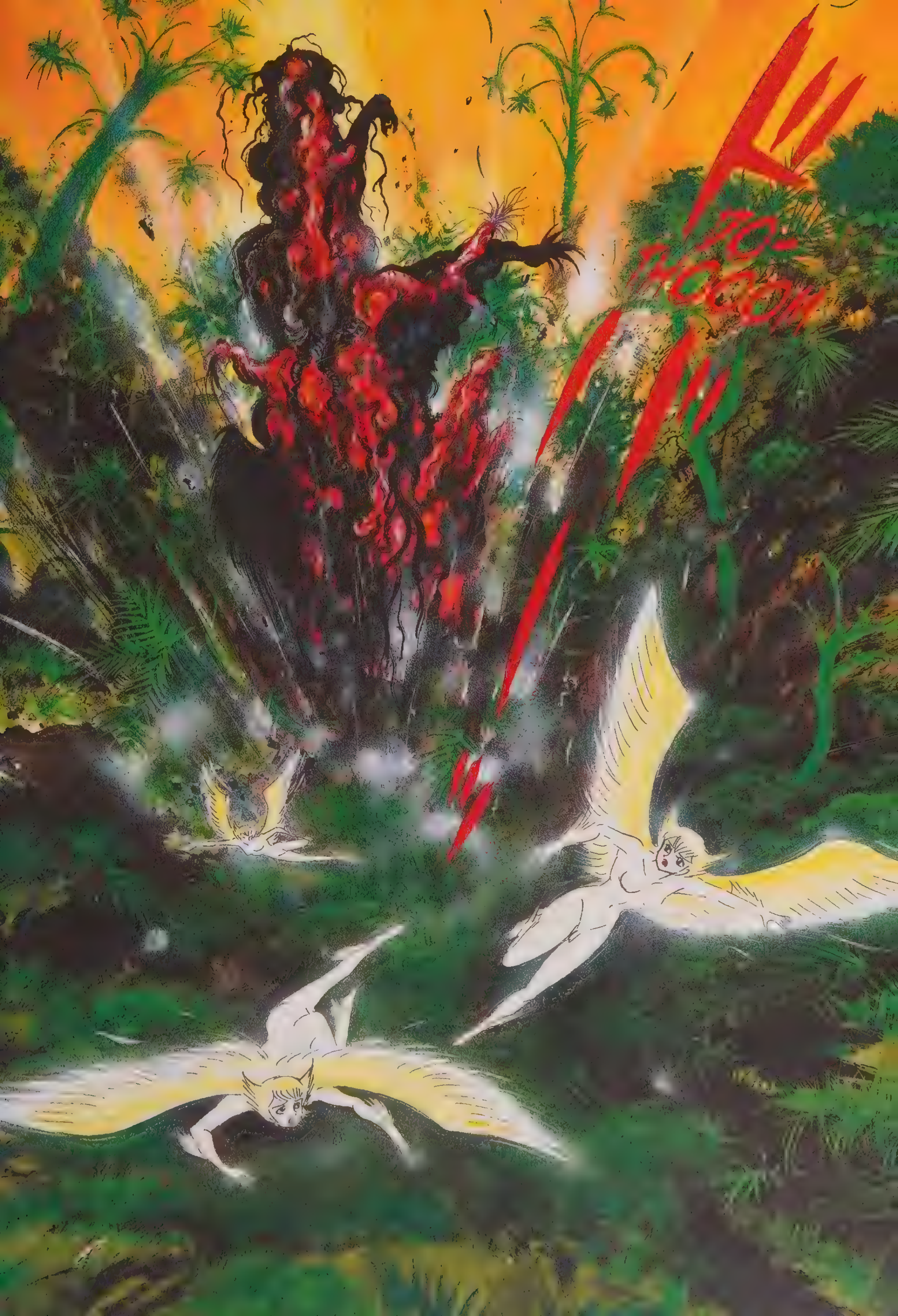
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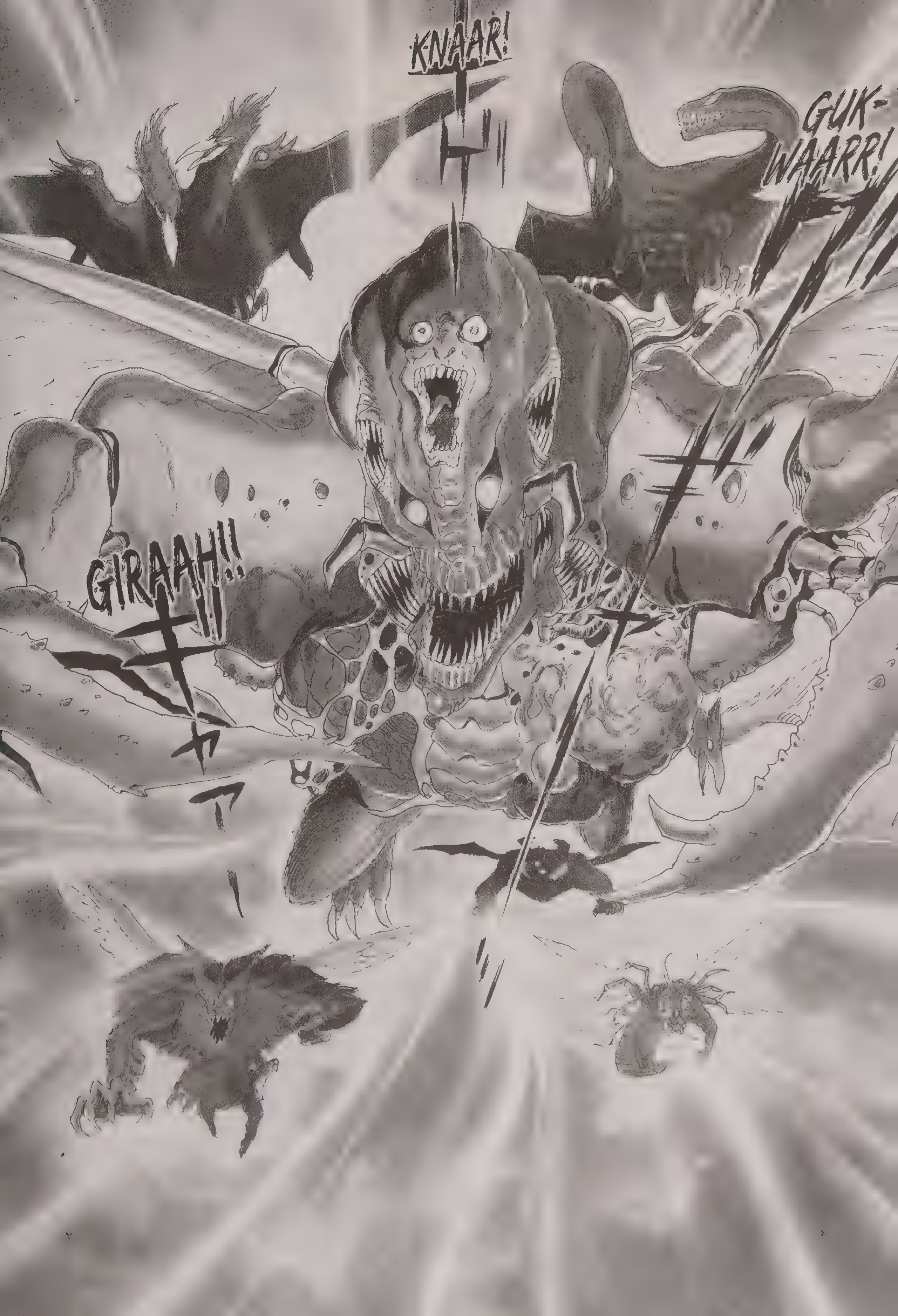
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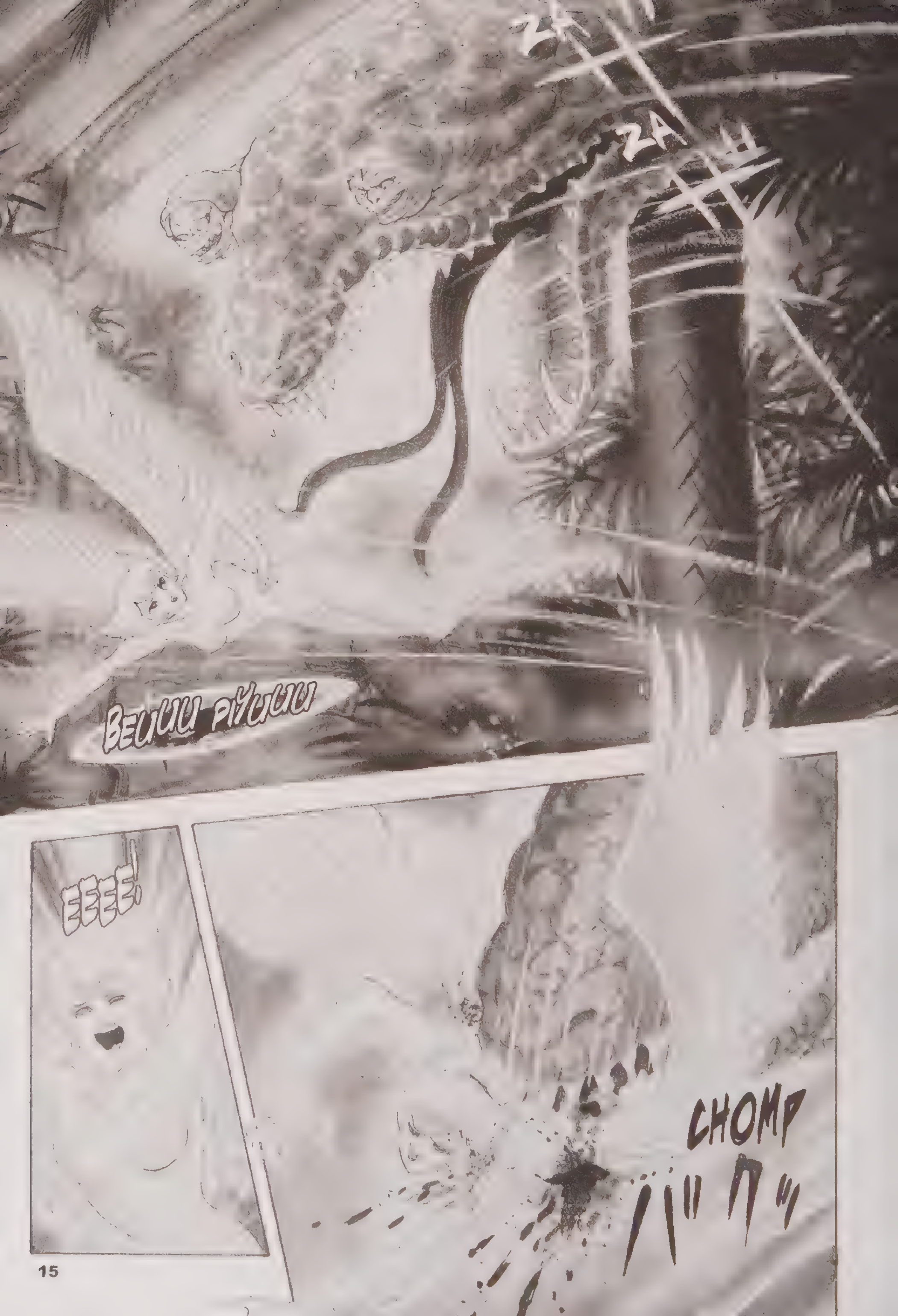
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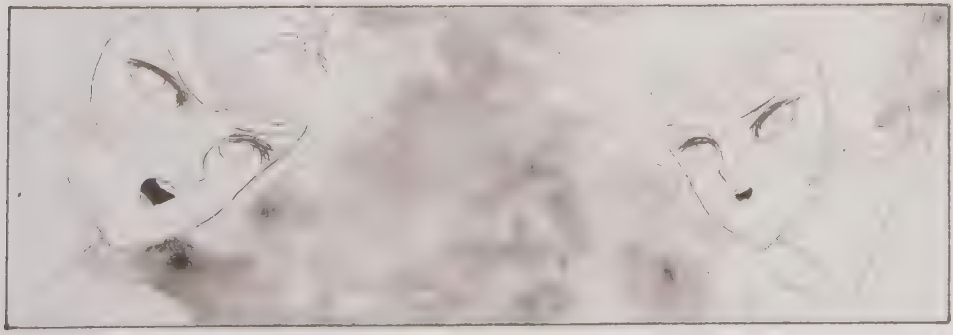

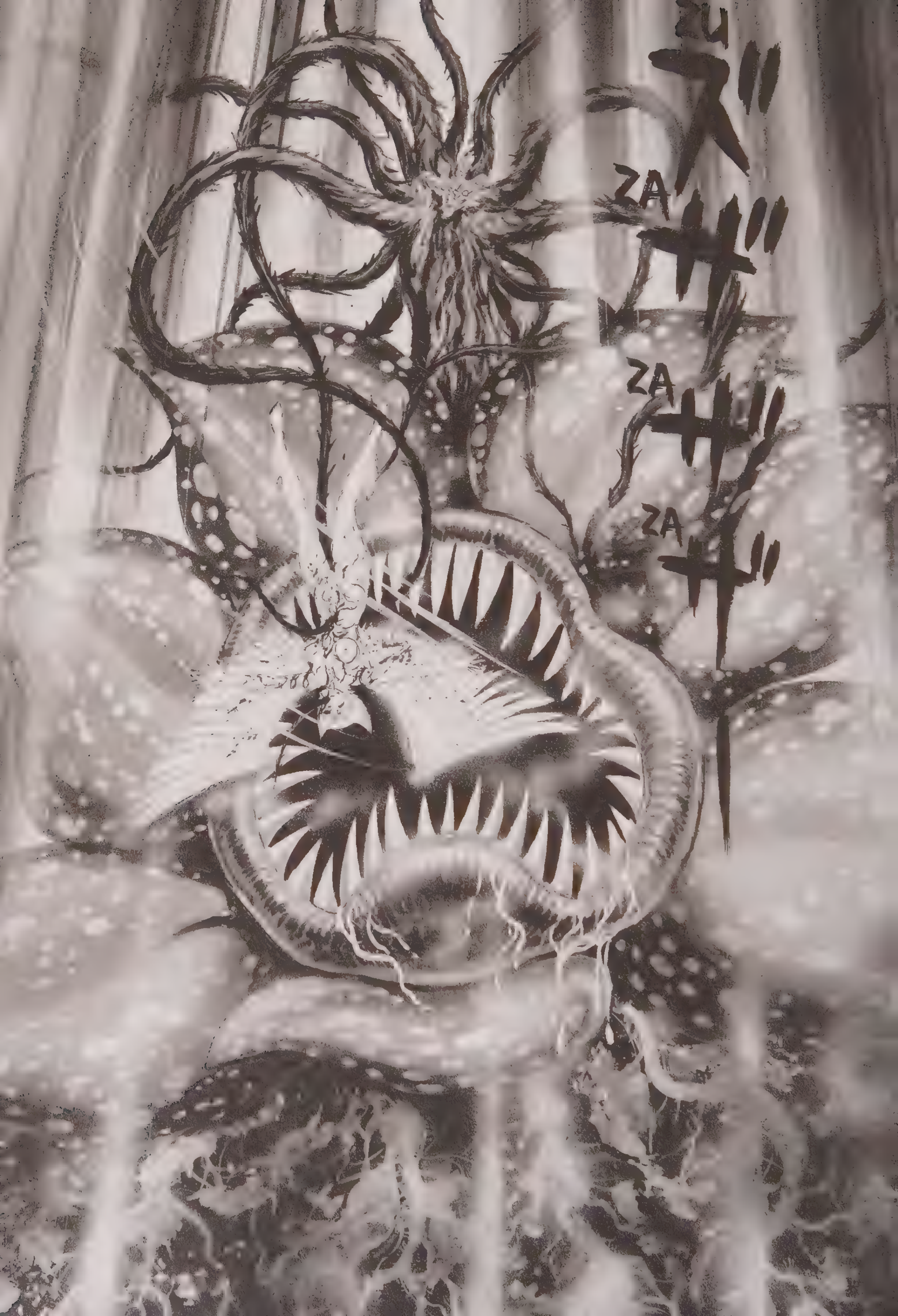
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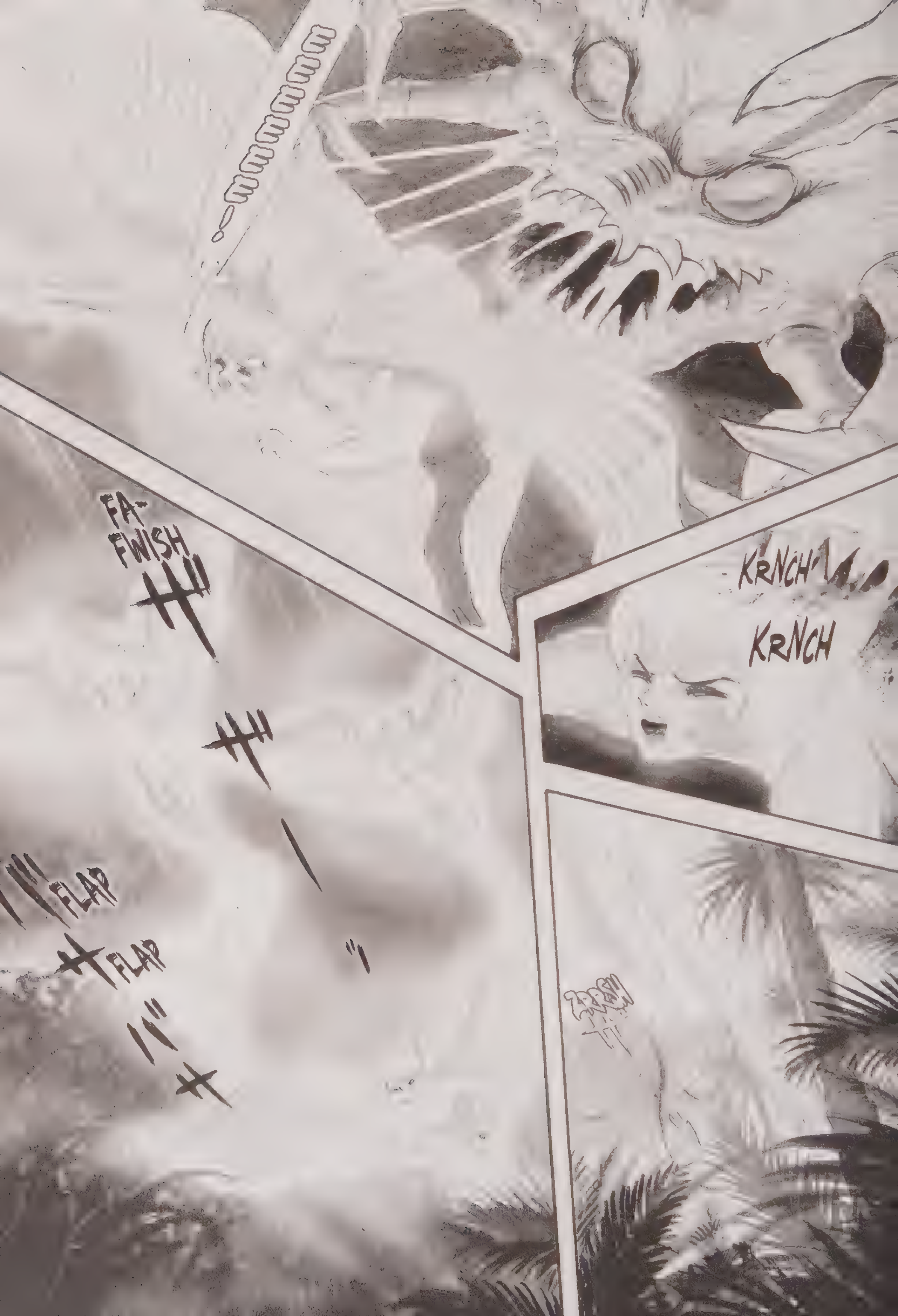
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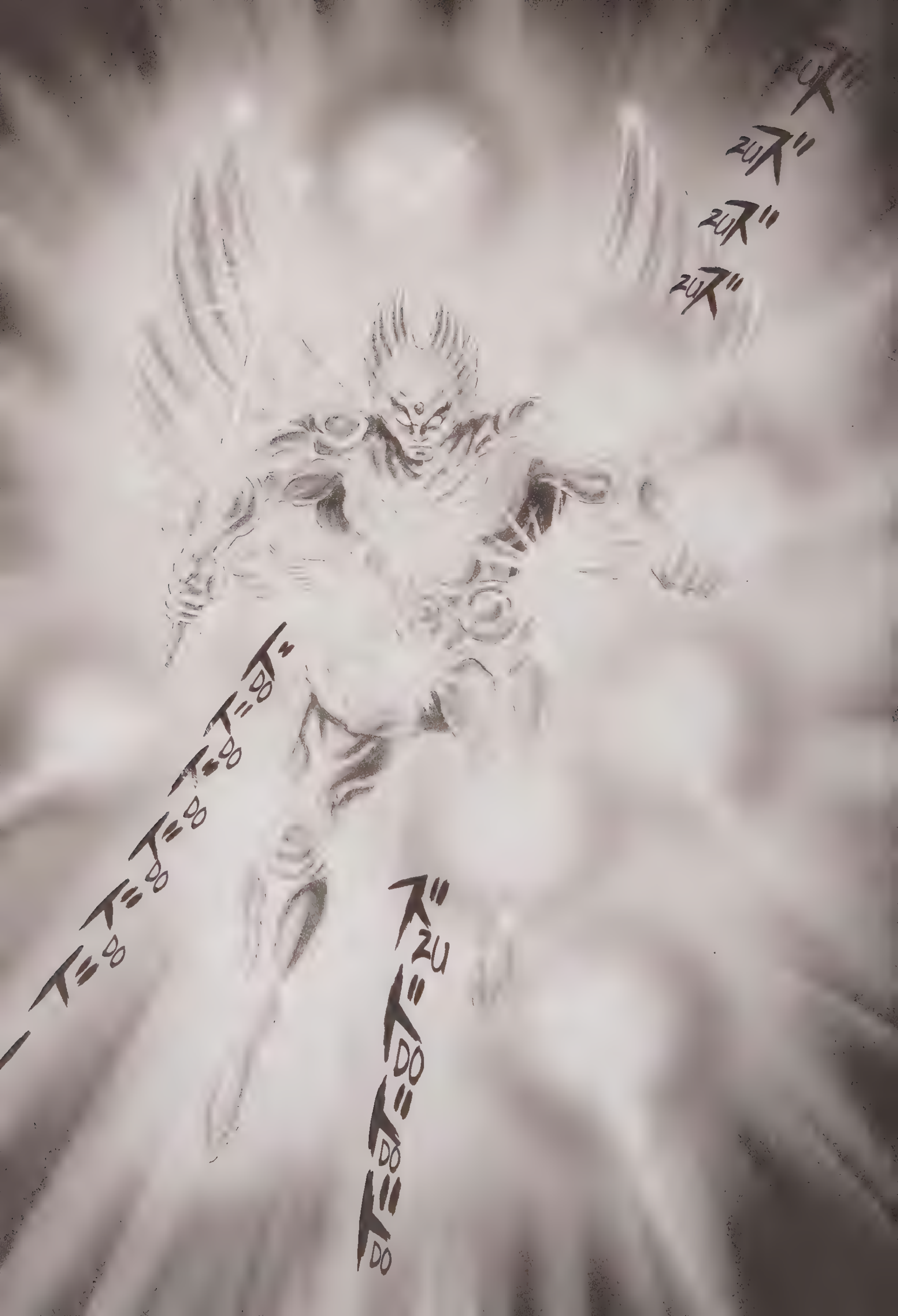
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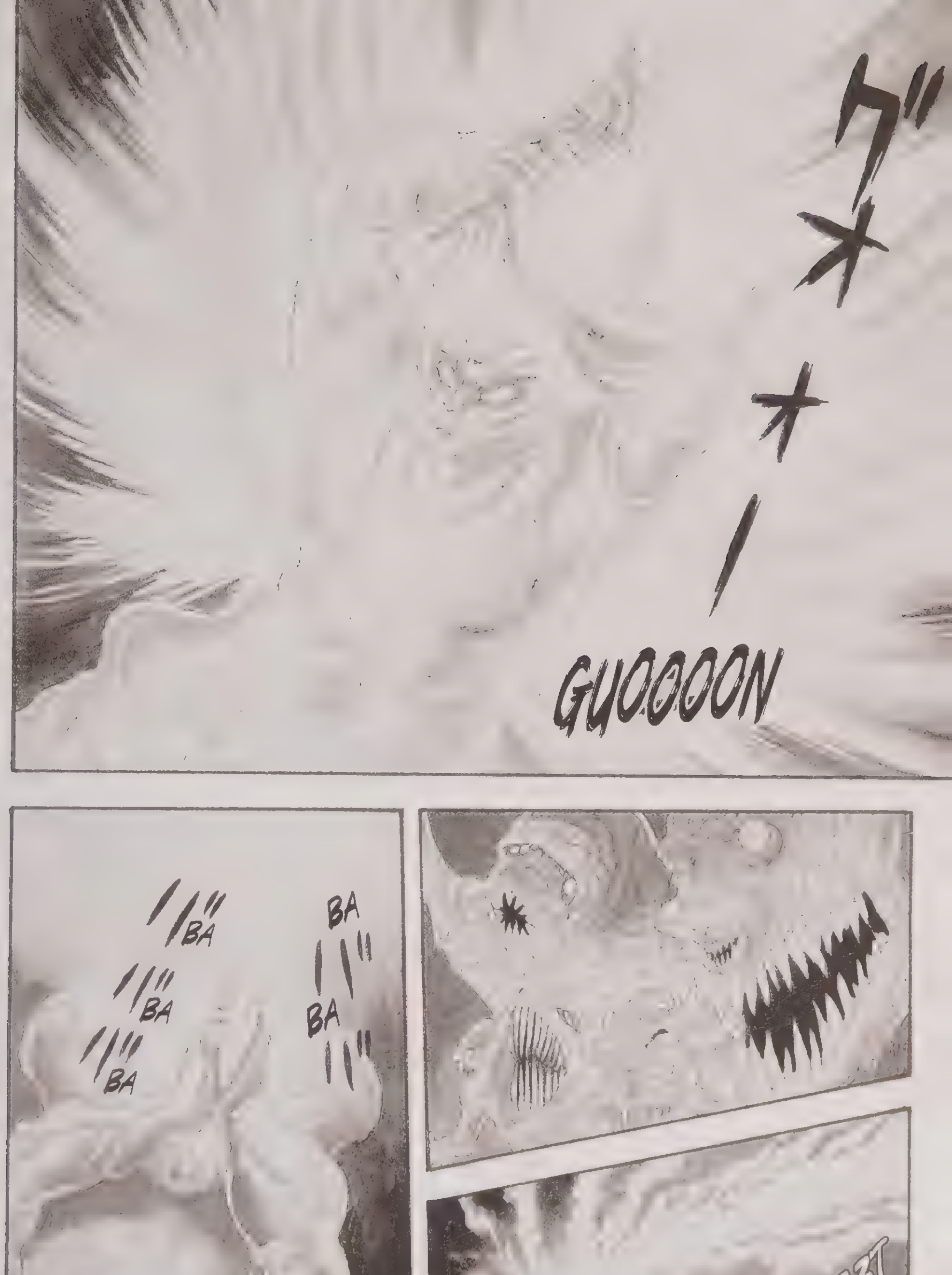
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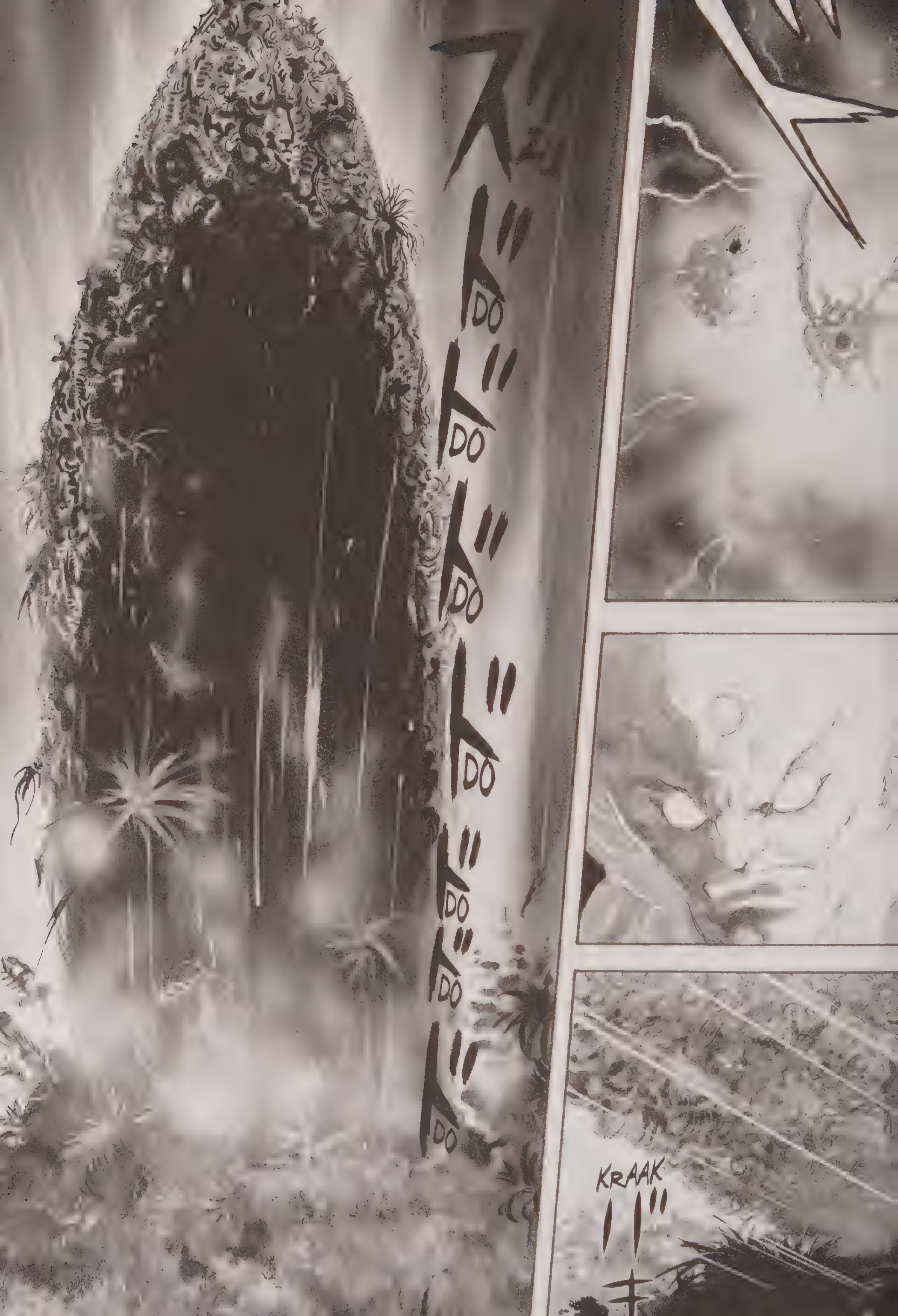
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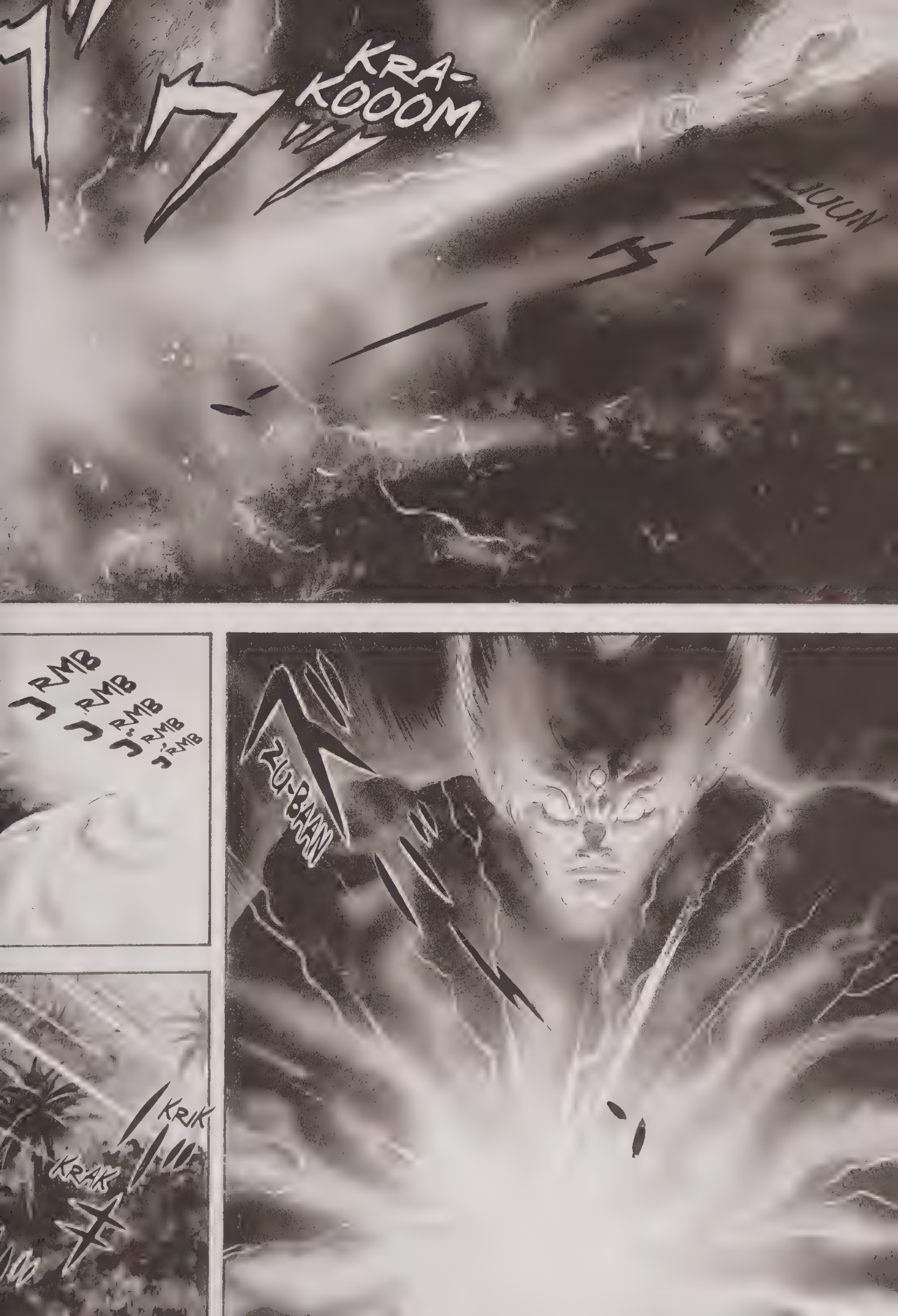
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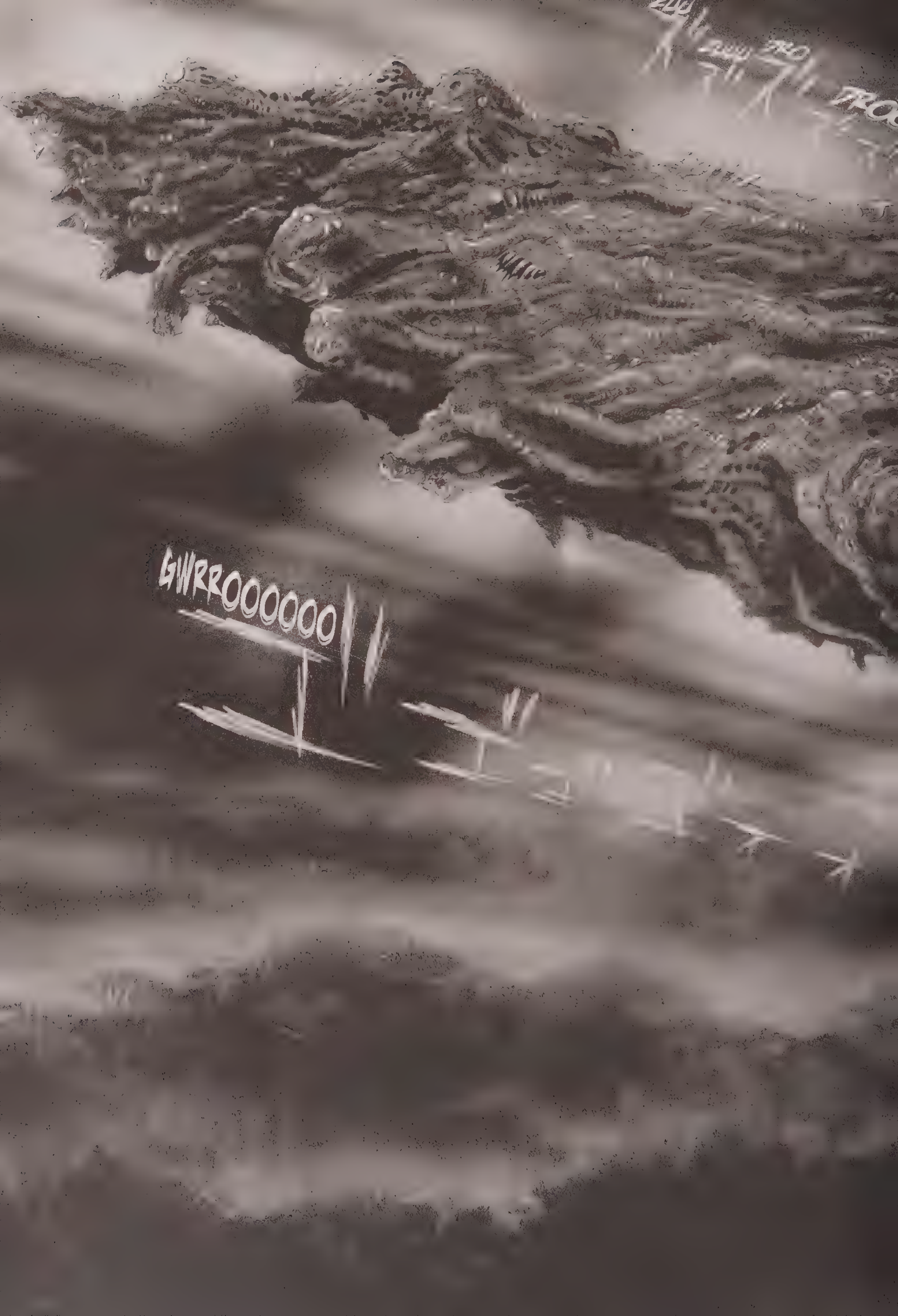
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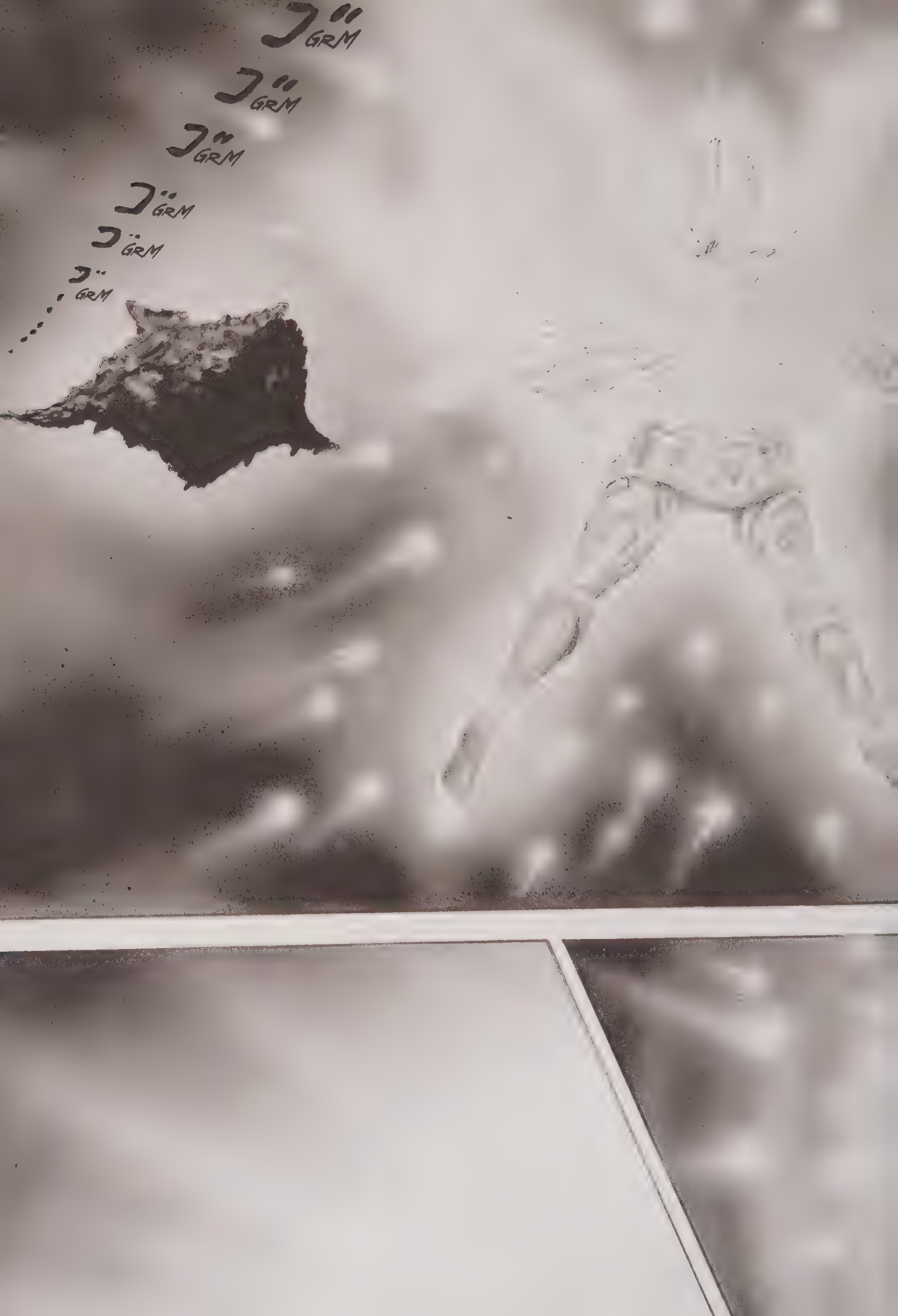
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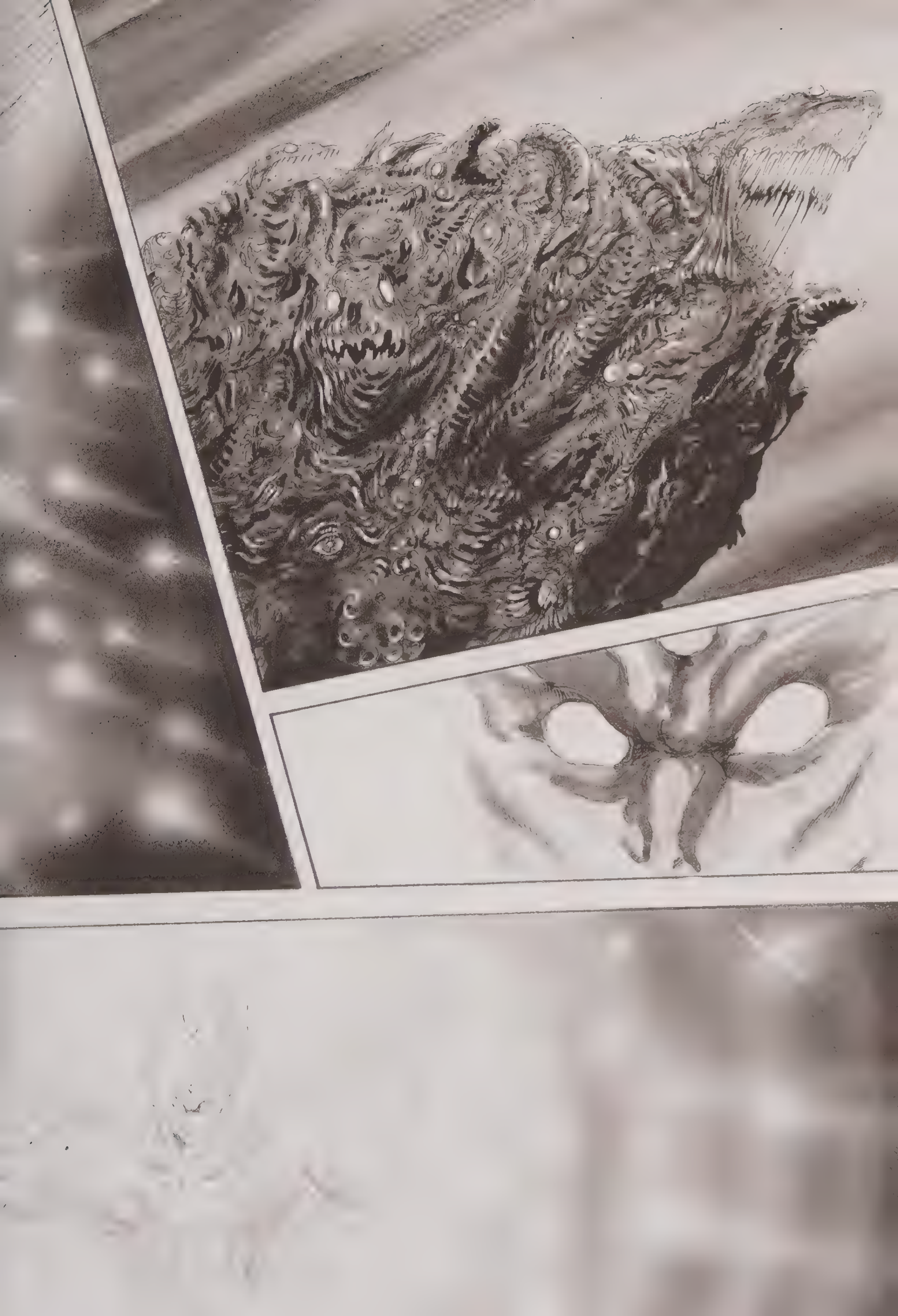

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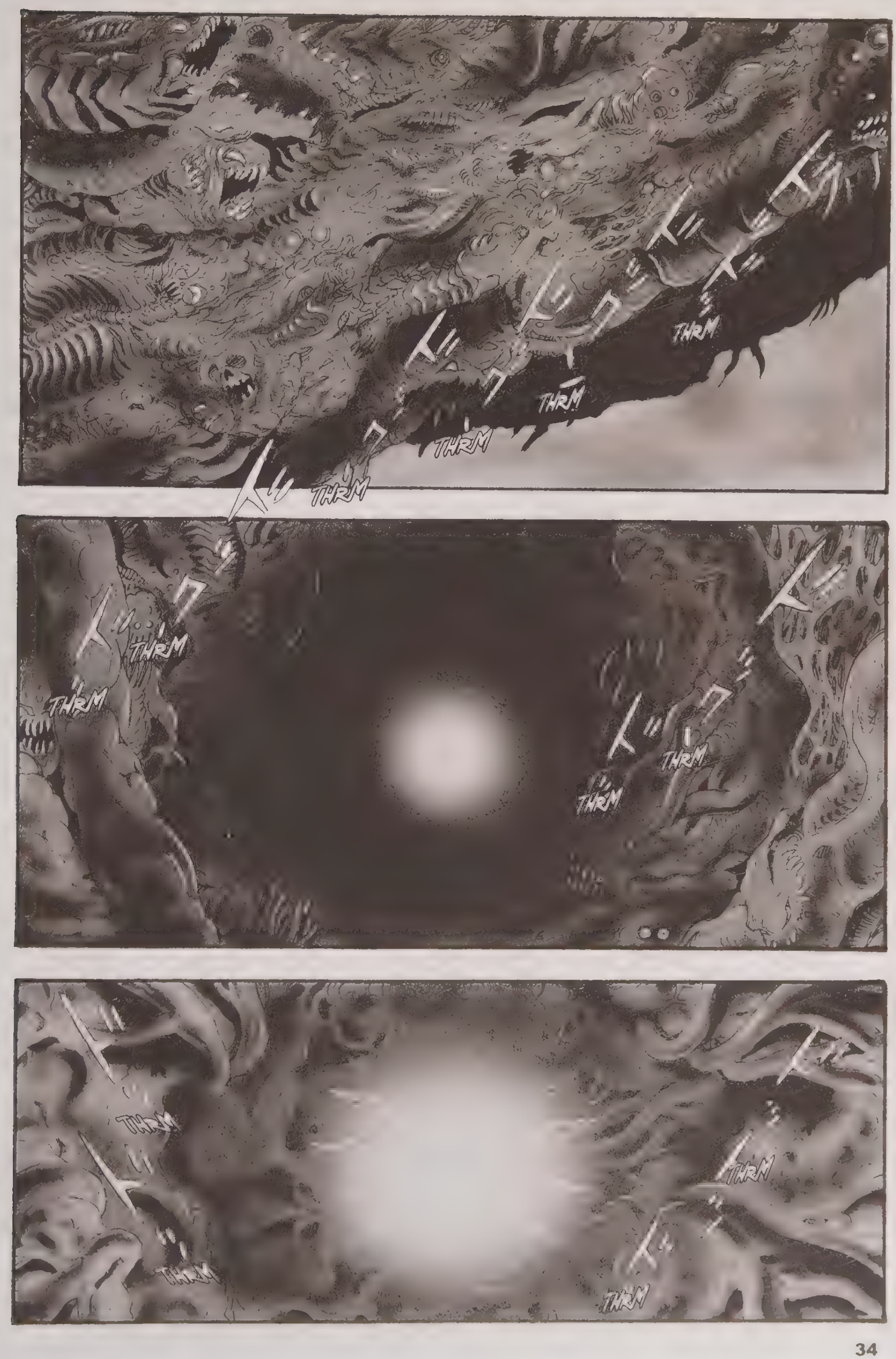
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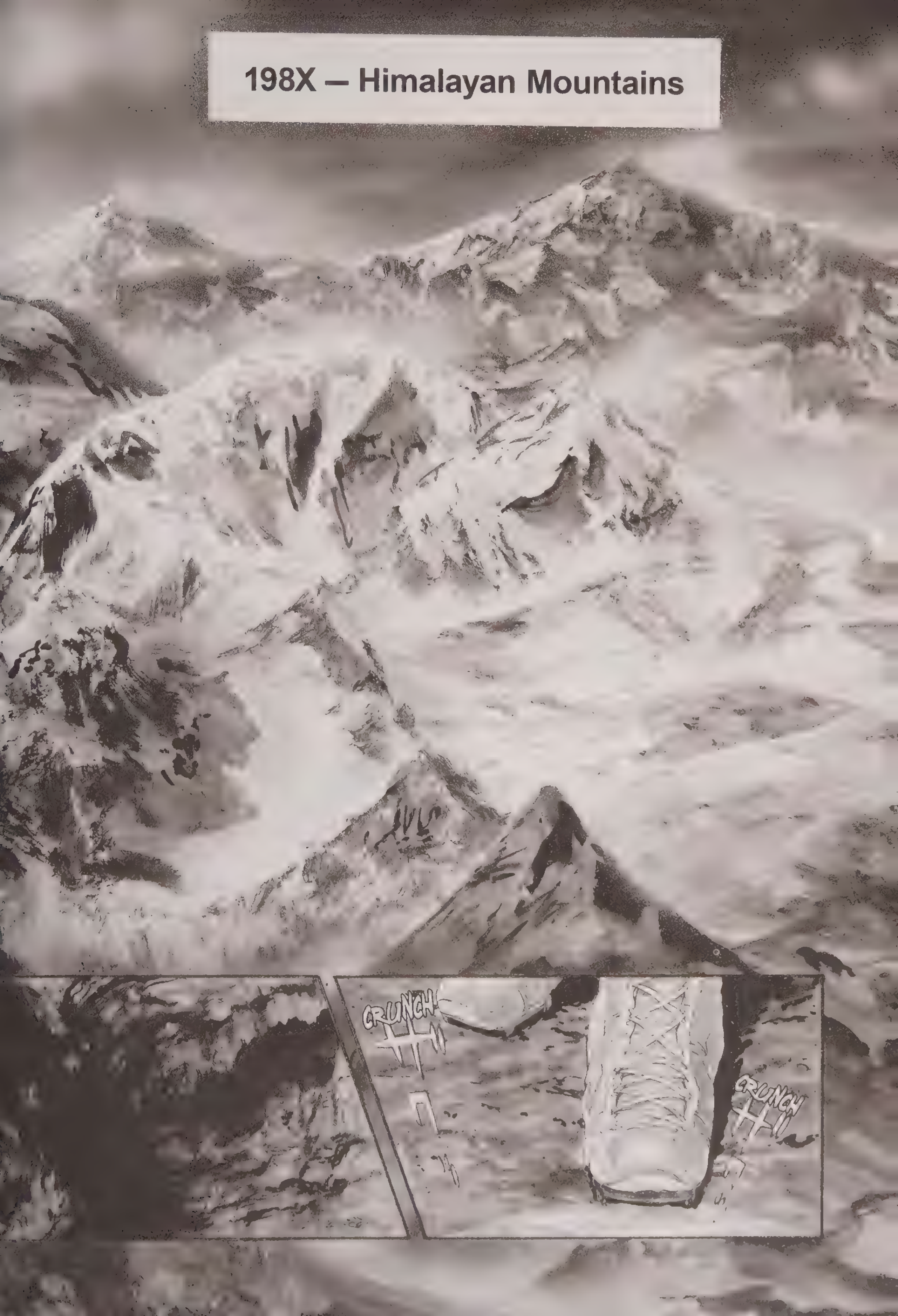
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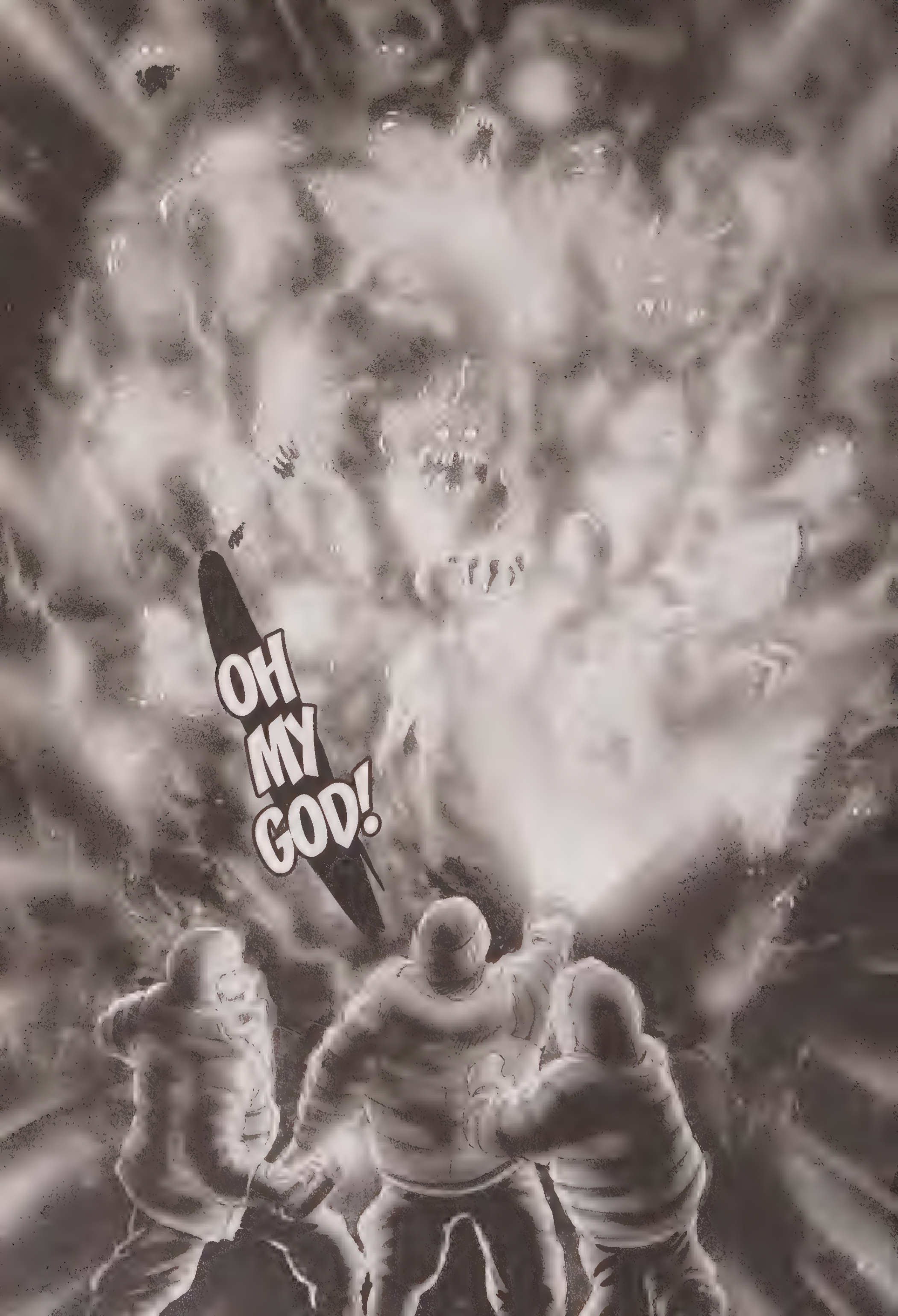
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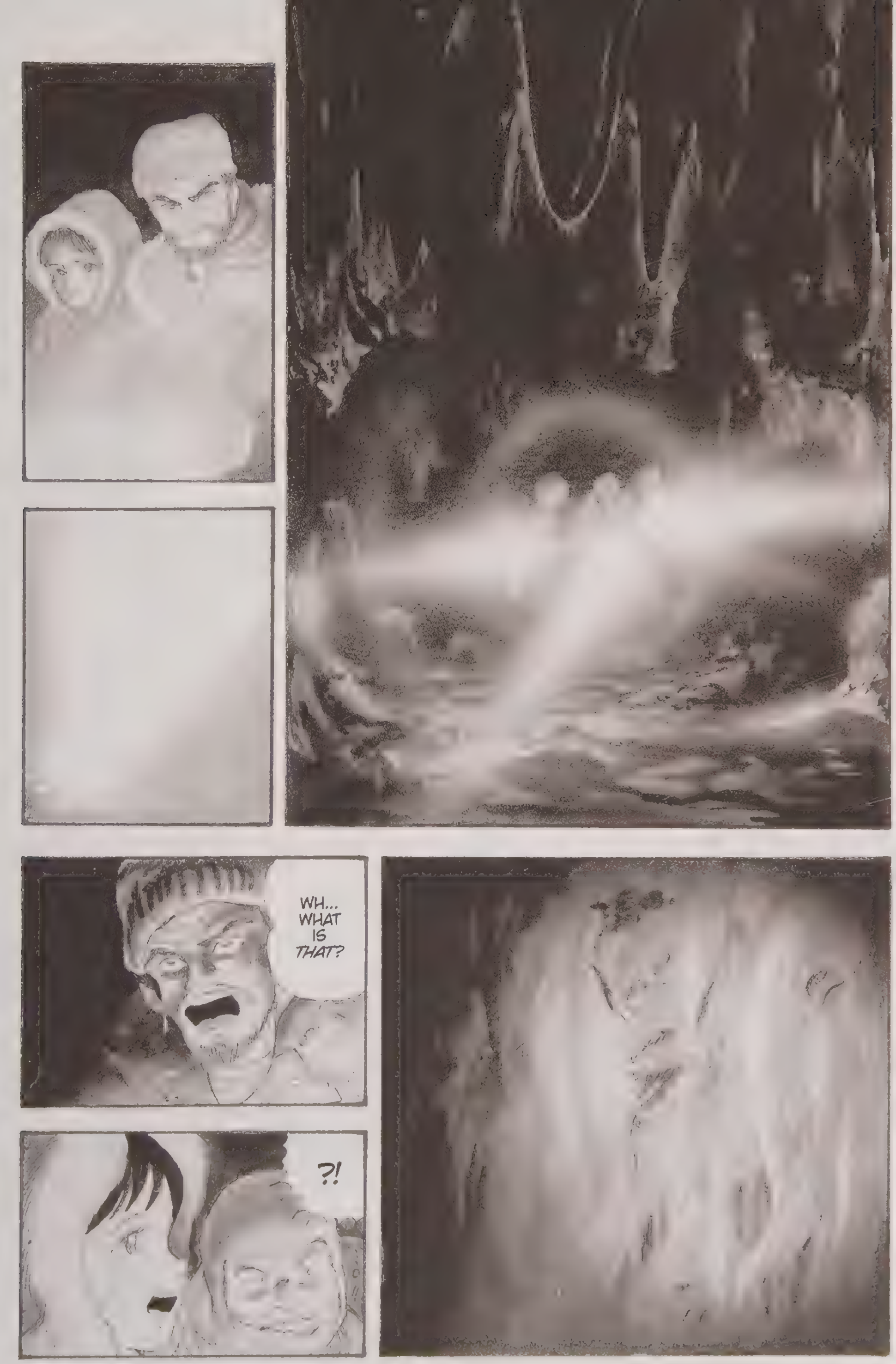
WH... WHAT IS *THAT?*
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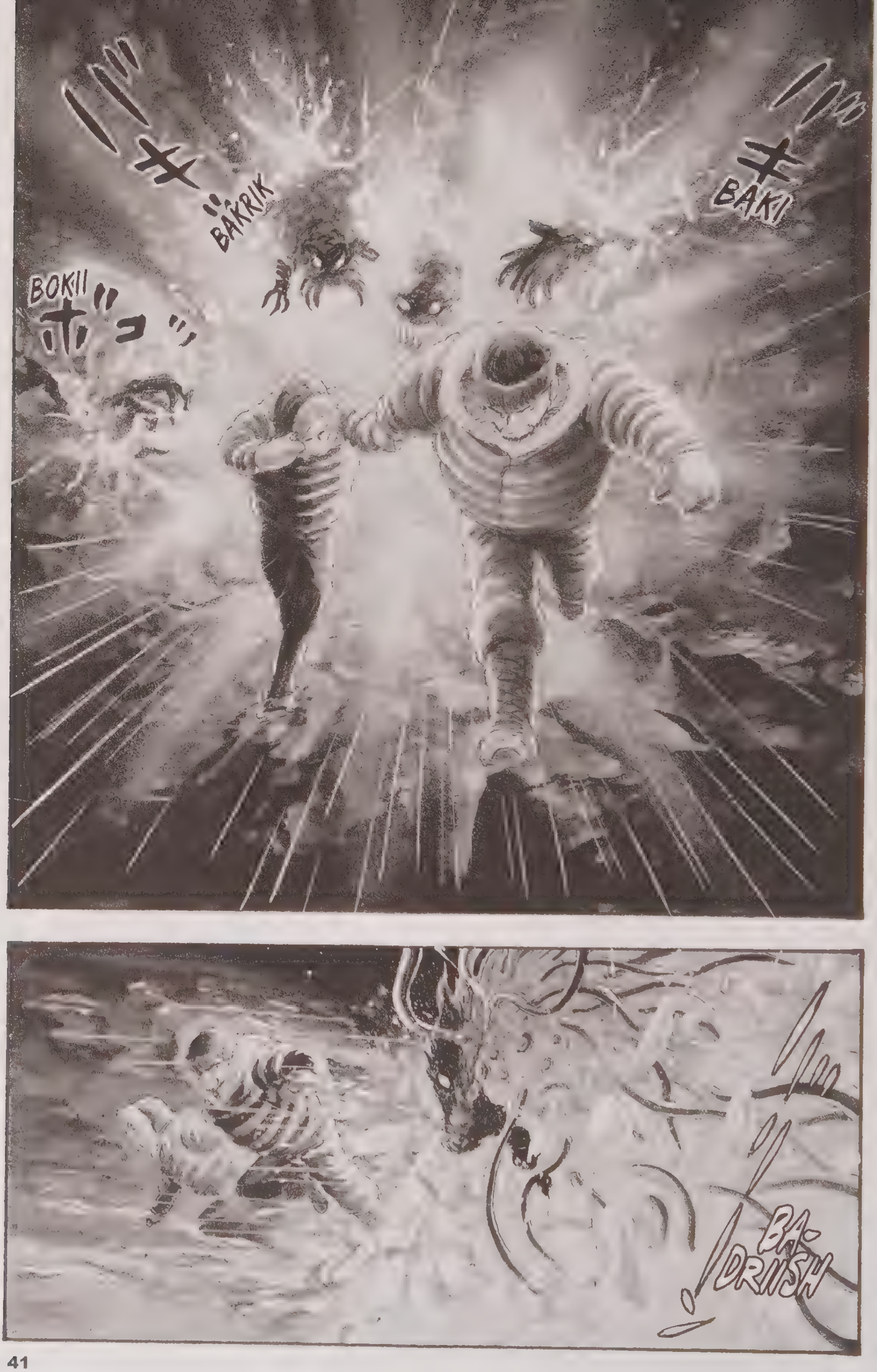
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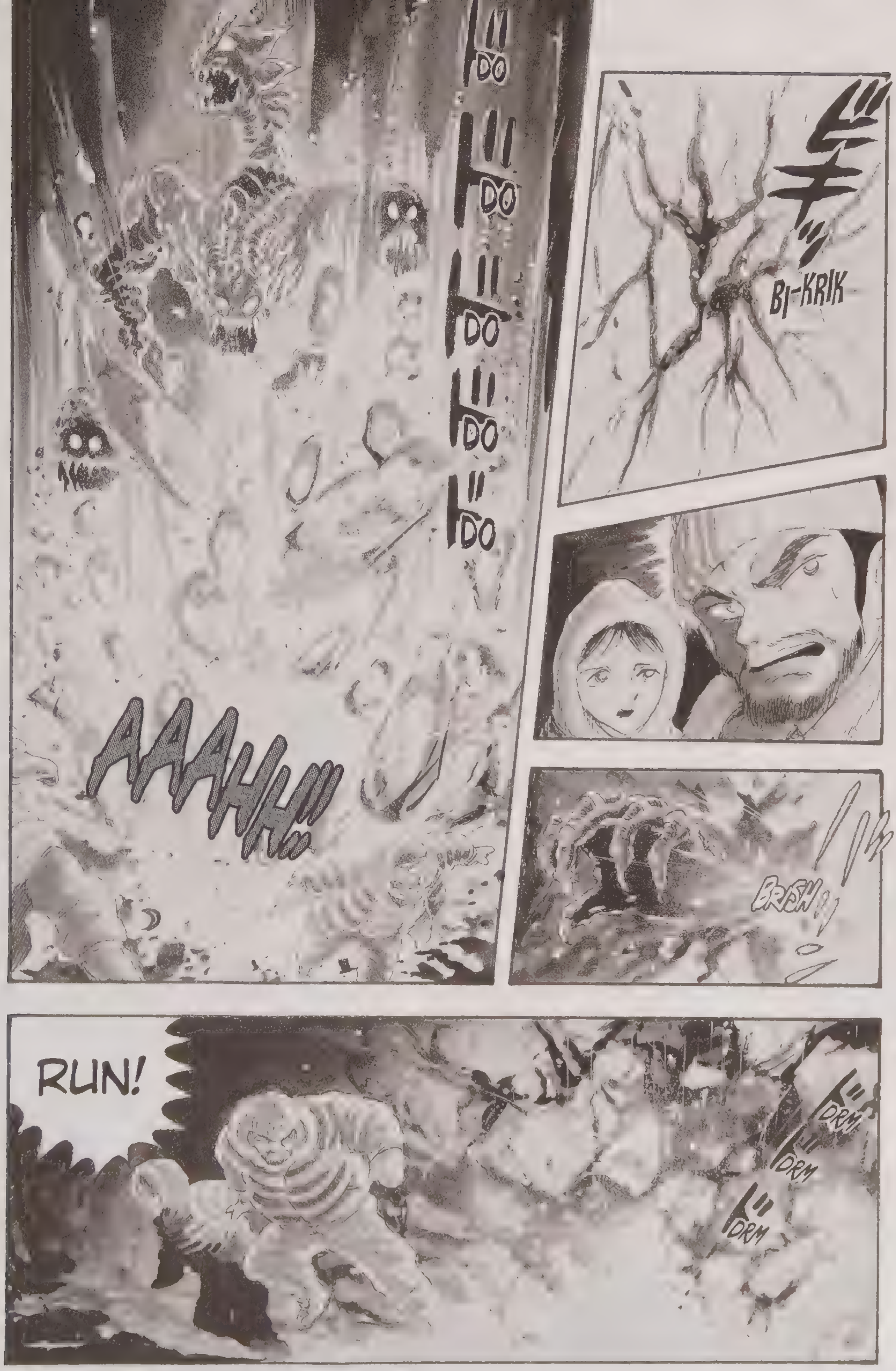
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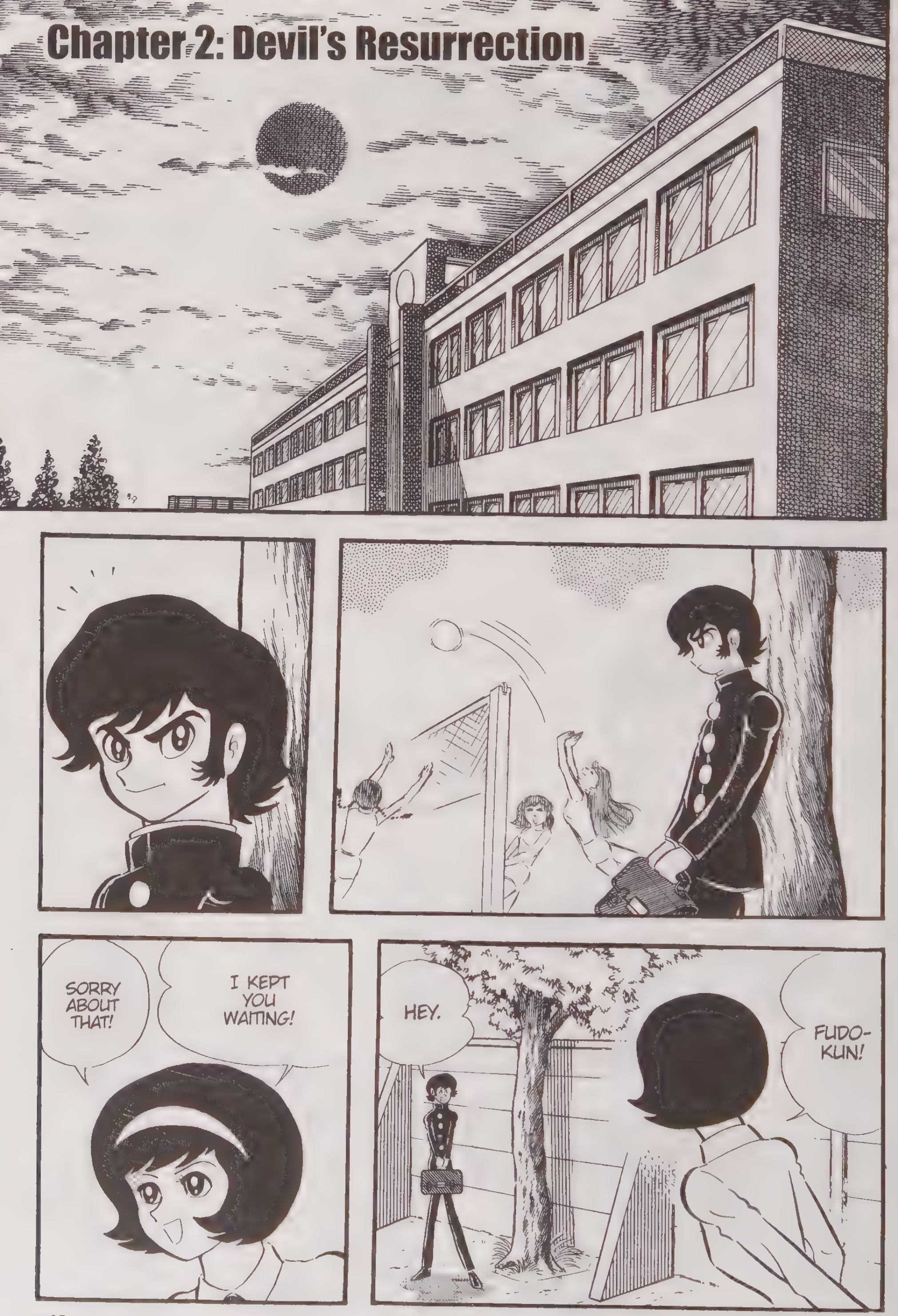
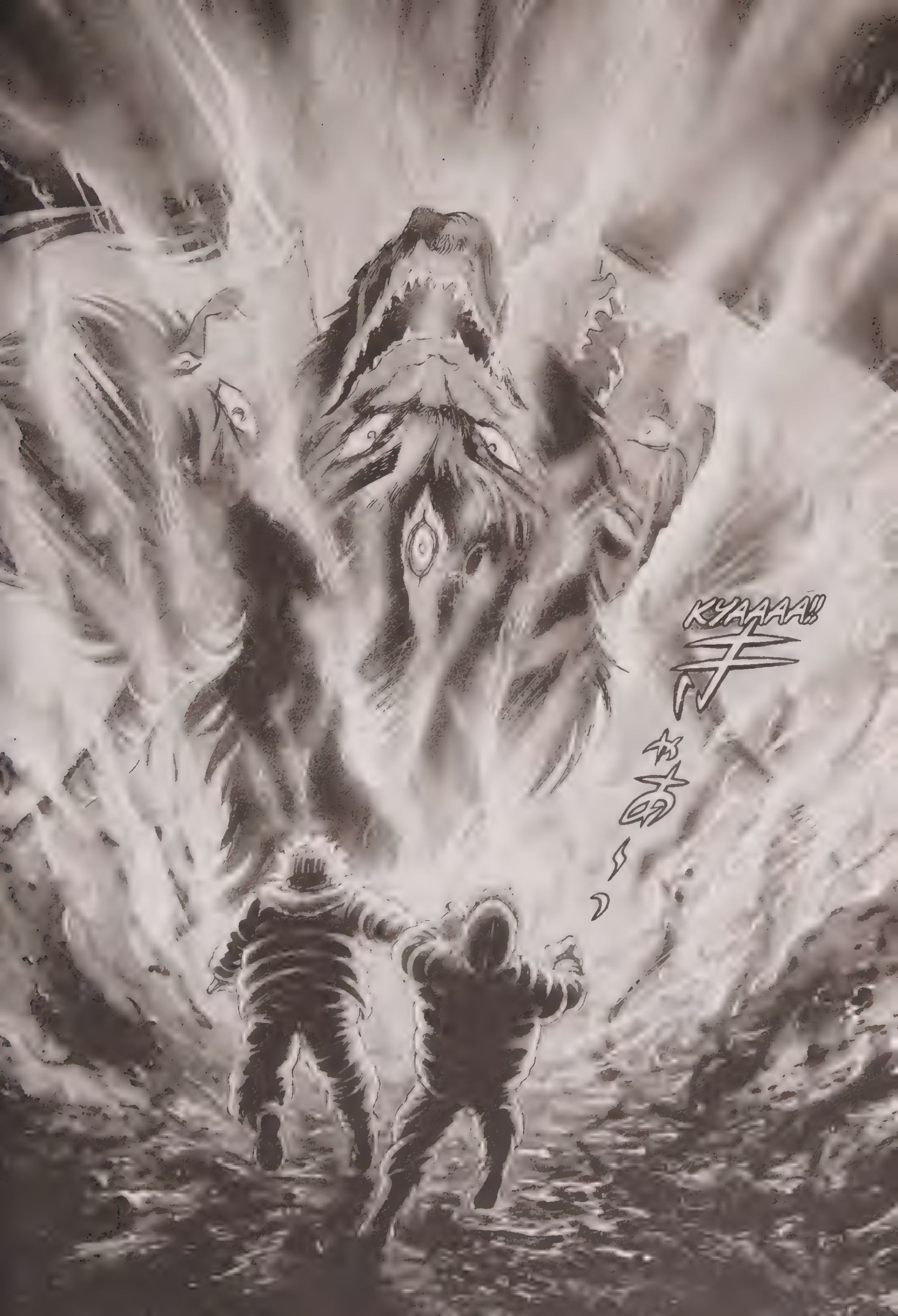
Chapter 2: Devil's Resurrection


FUDO-KUN!
HEY.
I KEPT YOU WAITING!
SORRY ABOUT THAT!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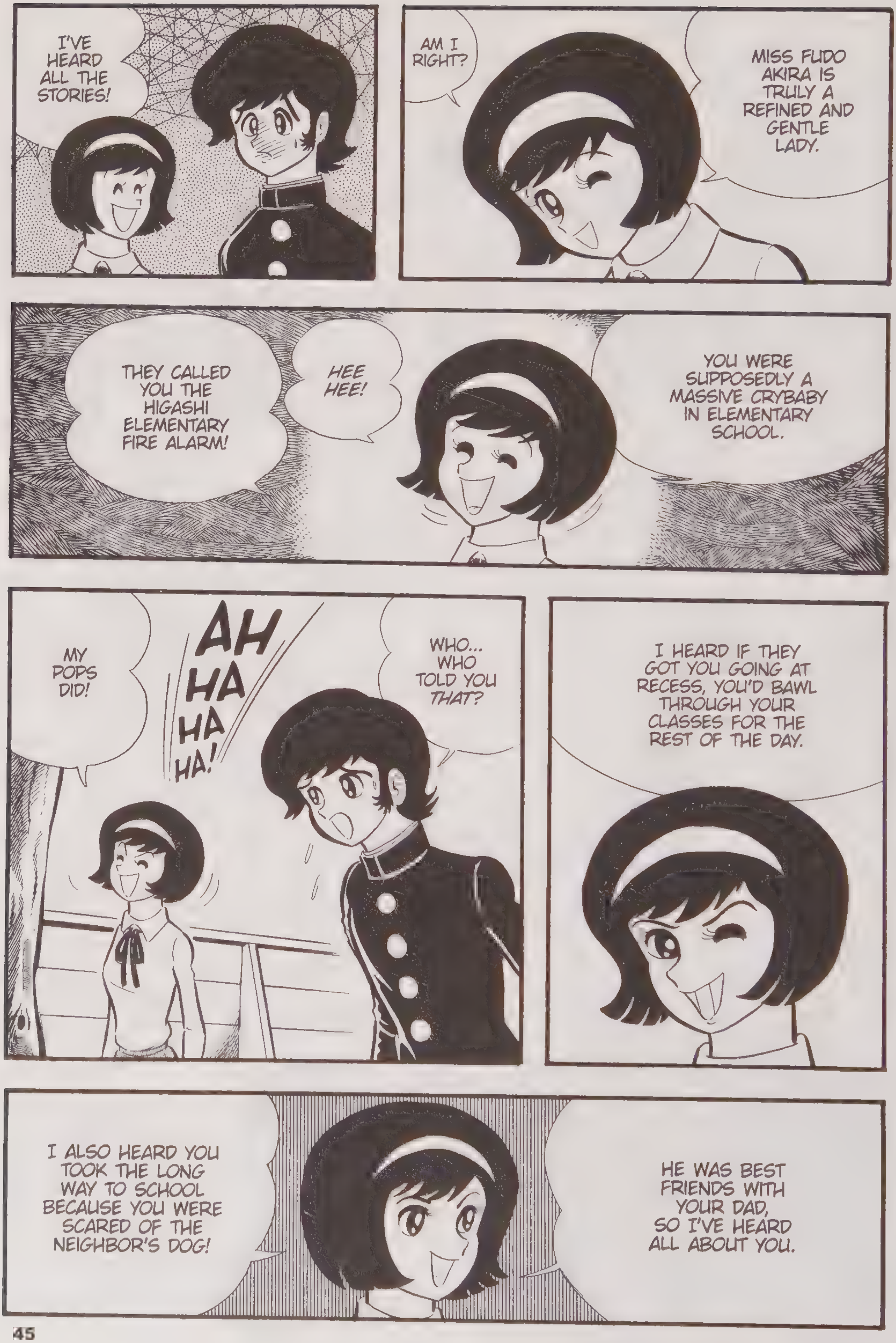
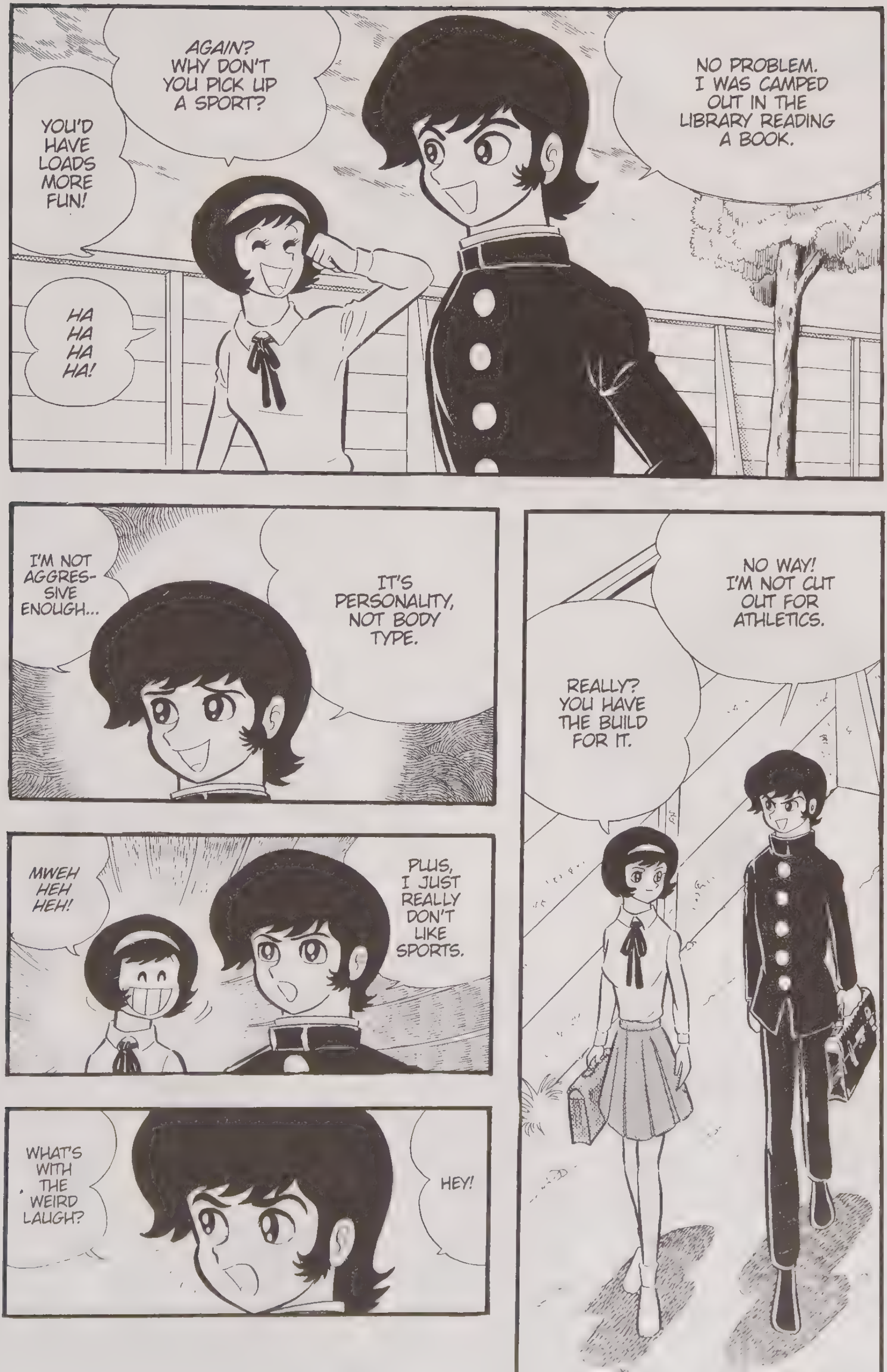
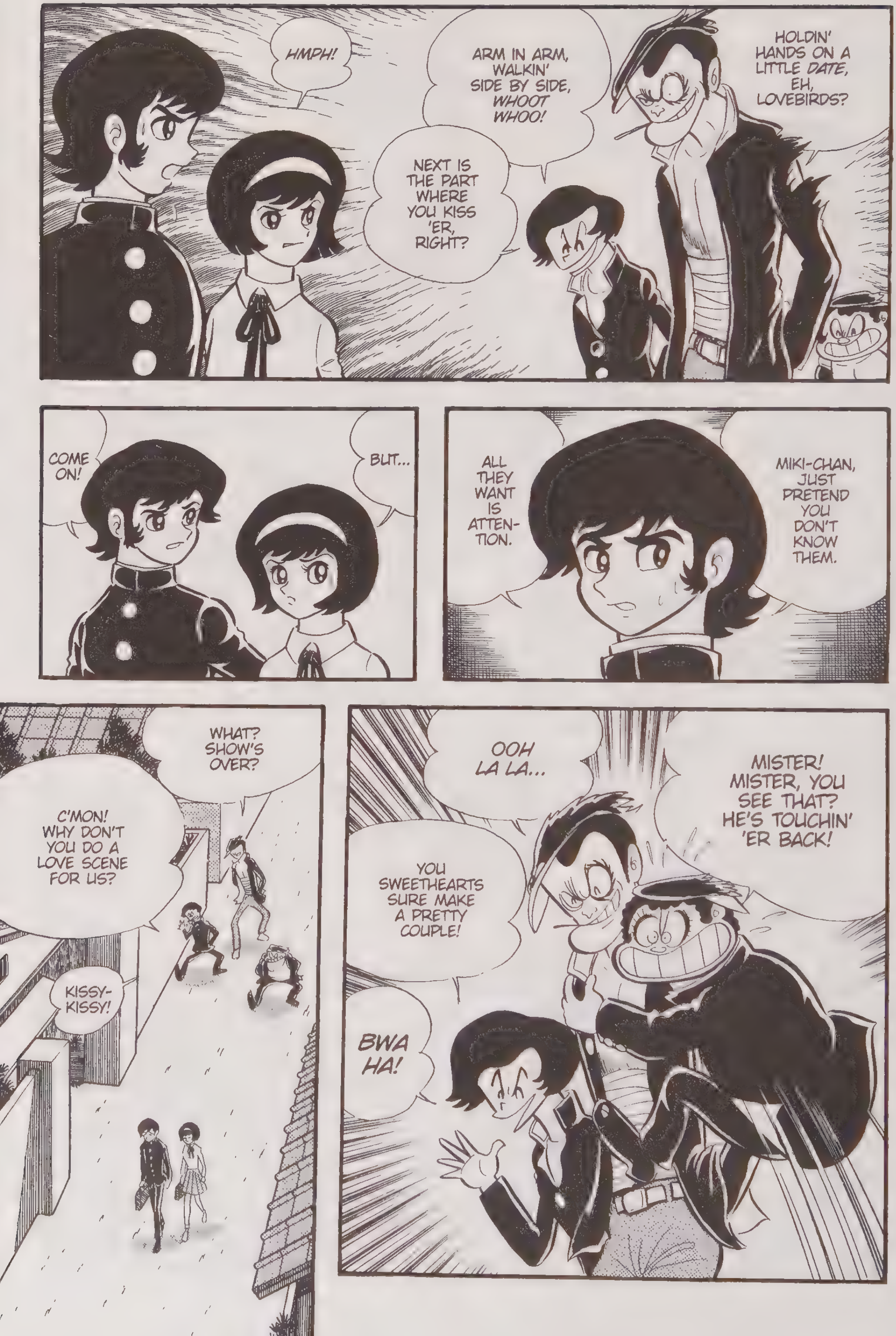
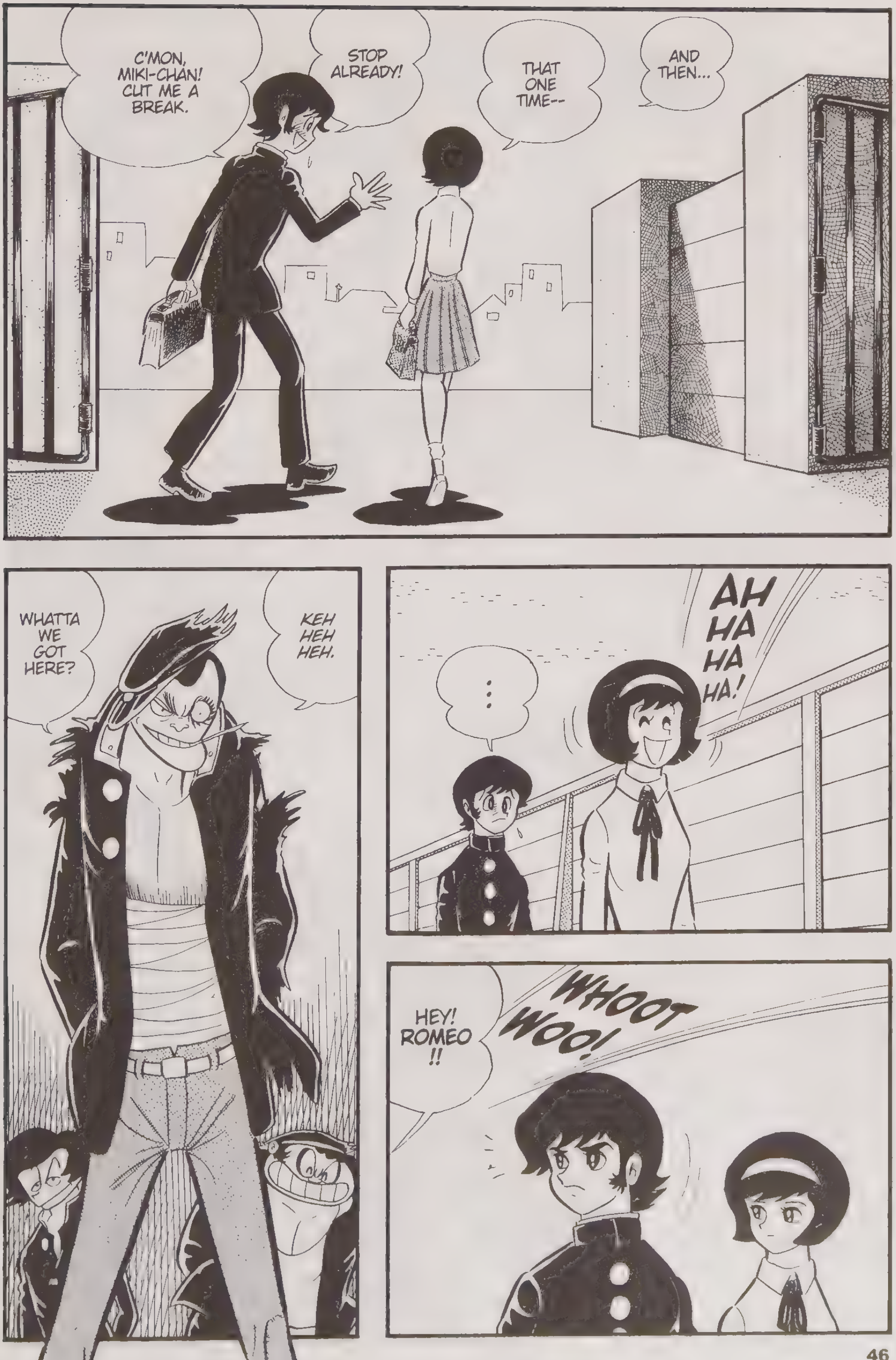

MISS FUDO AKIRA IS TRULY A REFINED AND GENTLE LADY.
AM I RIGHT?
I'VE HEARD ALL THE STORIES!
YOU WERE SUPPOSEDLY A MASSIVE CRYBABY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
HEE HEE!
THEY CALLED YOU THE HIGASHI ELEMENTARY FIRE ALARM!
I HEARD IF THEY GOT YOU GOING AT RECESS, YOU'D BAWL THROUGH YOUR CLASSES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
WHO... WHO TOLD YOU *THAT*?
AH HA HA HA!
MY POPS DID!
HE WAS BEST FRIENDS WITH YOUR DAD, SO I'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU.
I ALSO HEARD YOU TOOK THE LONG WAY TO SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU WERE SCARED OF THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG!


NO PROBLEM. I WAS CAMPED OUT IN THE LIBRARY READING A BOOK.
AGAIN? WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP A SPORT?
YOU'D HAVE LOADS MORE FUN!
HA HA HA HA!
NO WAY! I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR ATHLETICS.
REALLY? YOU HAVE THE BUILD FOR IT.
IT'S PERSONALITY, NOT BODY TYPE.
I'M NOT AGGRESSIVE ENOUGH...
PLUS, I JUST REALLY DON'T LIKE SPORTS.
MWEH HEH HEH!
HEY!
WHAT'S WITH THE WEIRD LAUGH?


HOLDIN' HANDS ON A LITTLE *DATE*, EH, LOVEBIRDS?
ARM IN ARM, WALKIN' SIDE BY SIDE, *WHOOT WHOO!*
NEXT IS THE PART WHERE YOU KISS 'ER, RIGHT?
HMPH!
MIKI-CHAN, JUST PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW THEM.
ALL THEY WANT IS ATTENTION.
BUT...
COME ON!
MISTER! MISTER, YOU SEE THAT? HE'S TOUCHIN' 'ER BACK!
OOH LA LA...
YOU SWEETHEARTS SURE MAKE A PRETTY COUPLE!
BWA HA!
WHAT? SHOW'S OVER?
C'MON! WHY DON'T YOU DO A LOVE SCENE FOR US?
KISSY-KISSY!


C'MON, MIKI-CHAN! CUT ME A BREAK.
STOP ALREADY!
THAT ONE TIME--
AND THEN...
WHATTA WE GOT HERE?
KEH HEH HEH.
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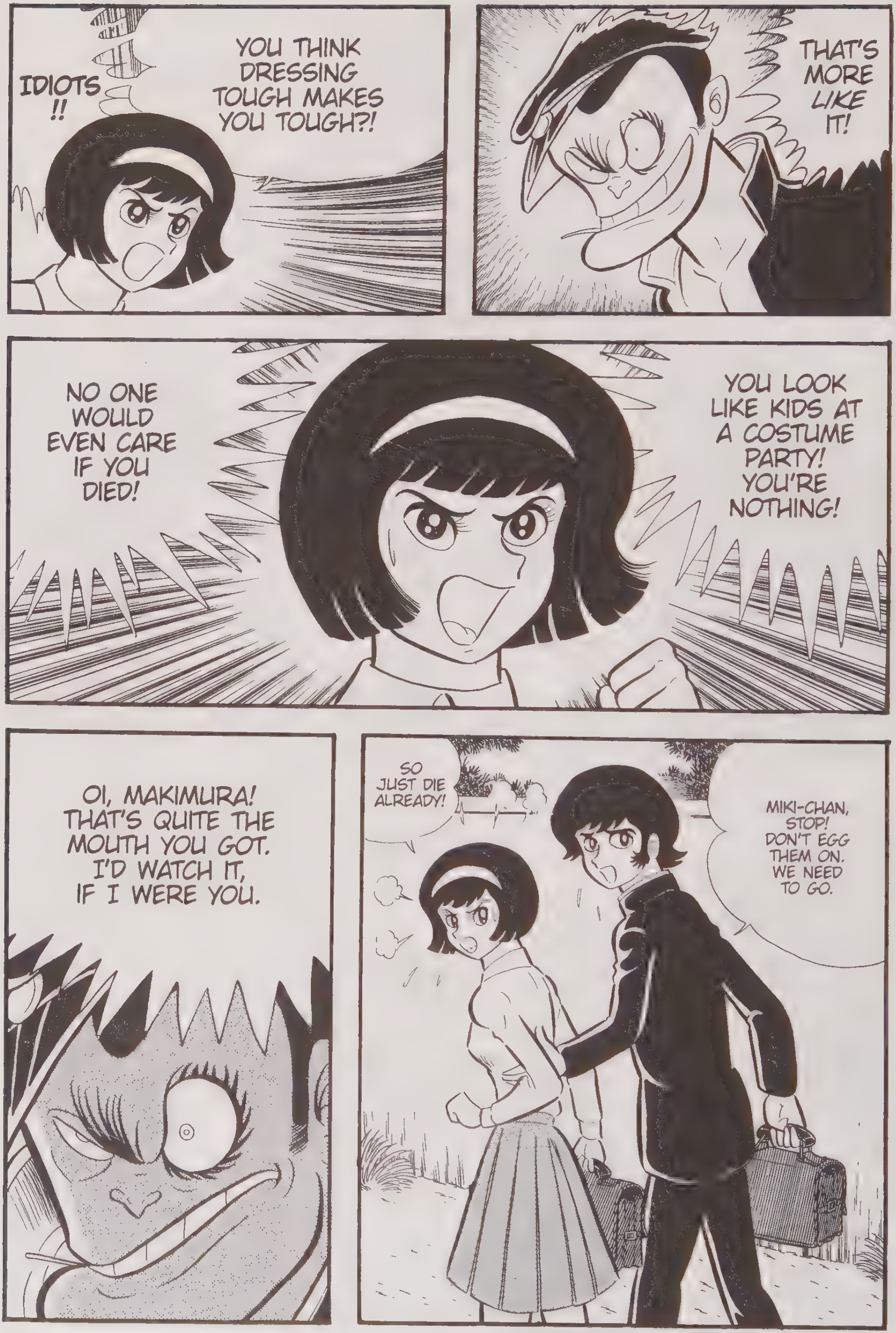
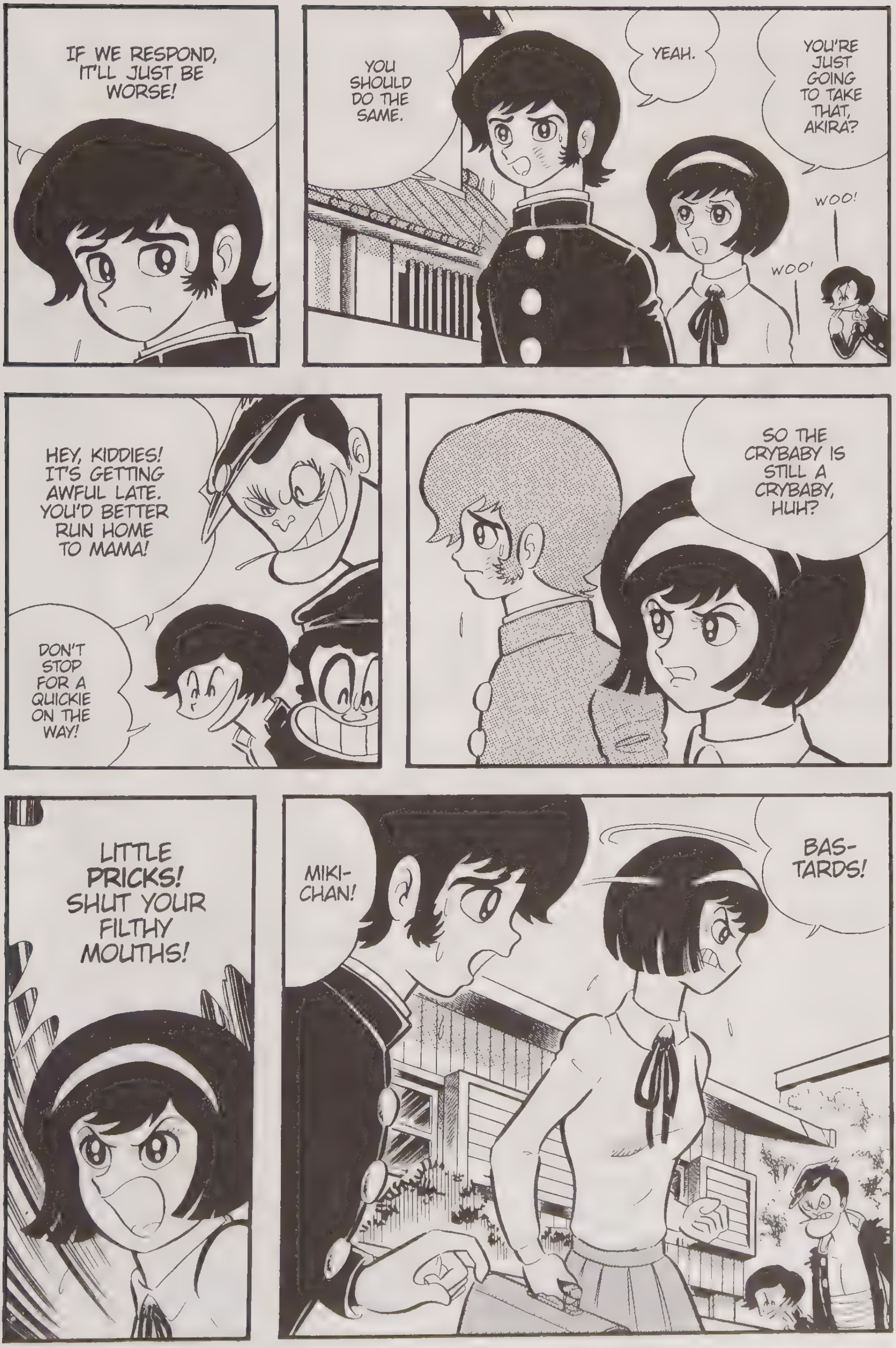
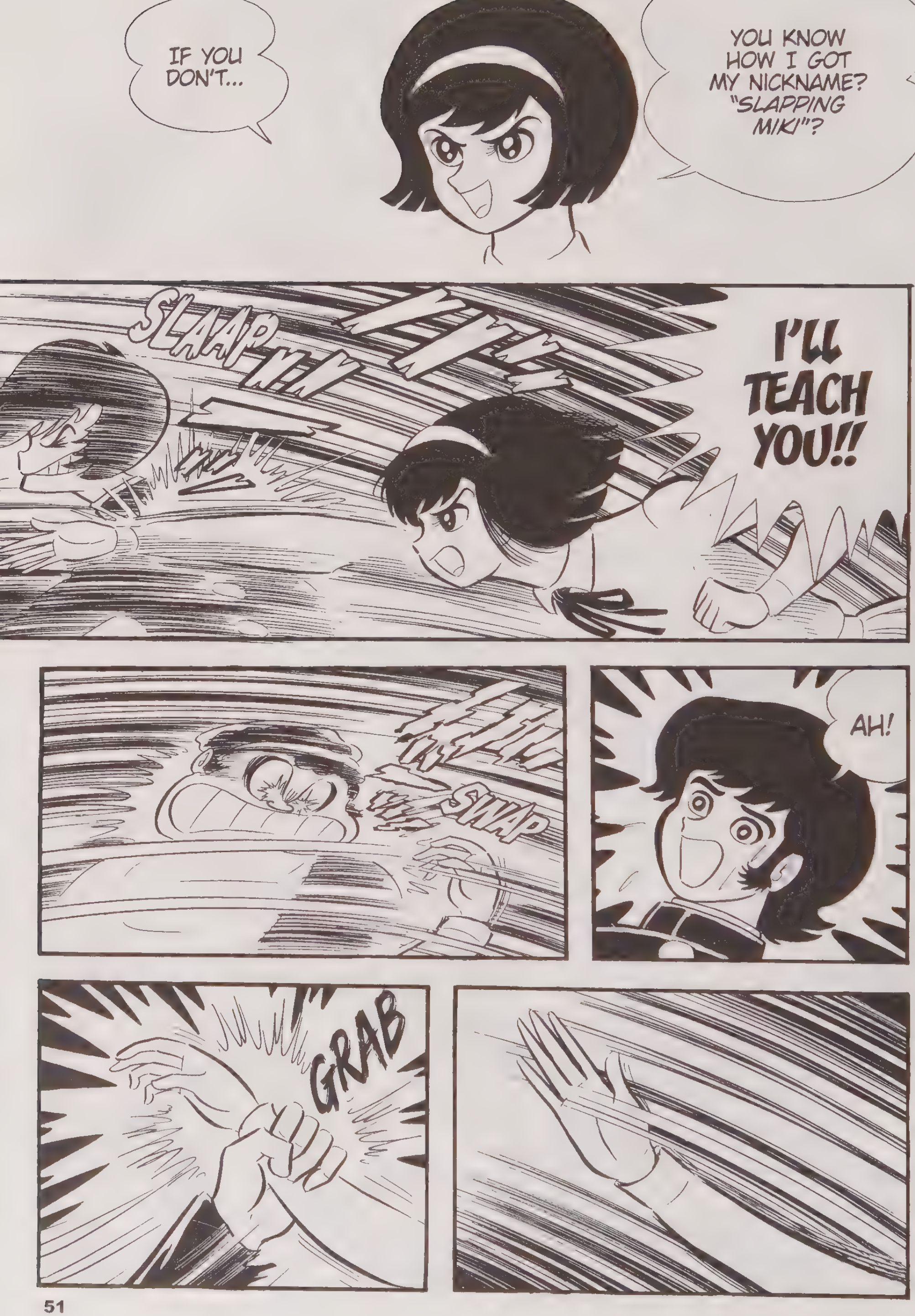
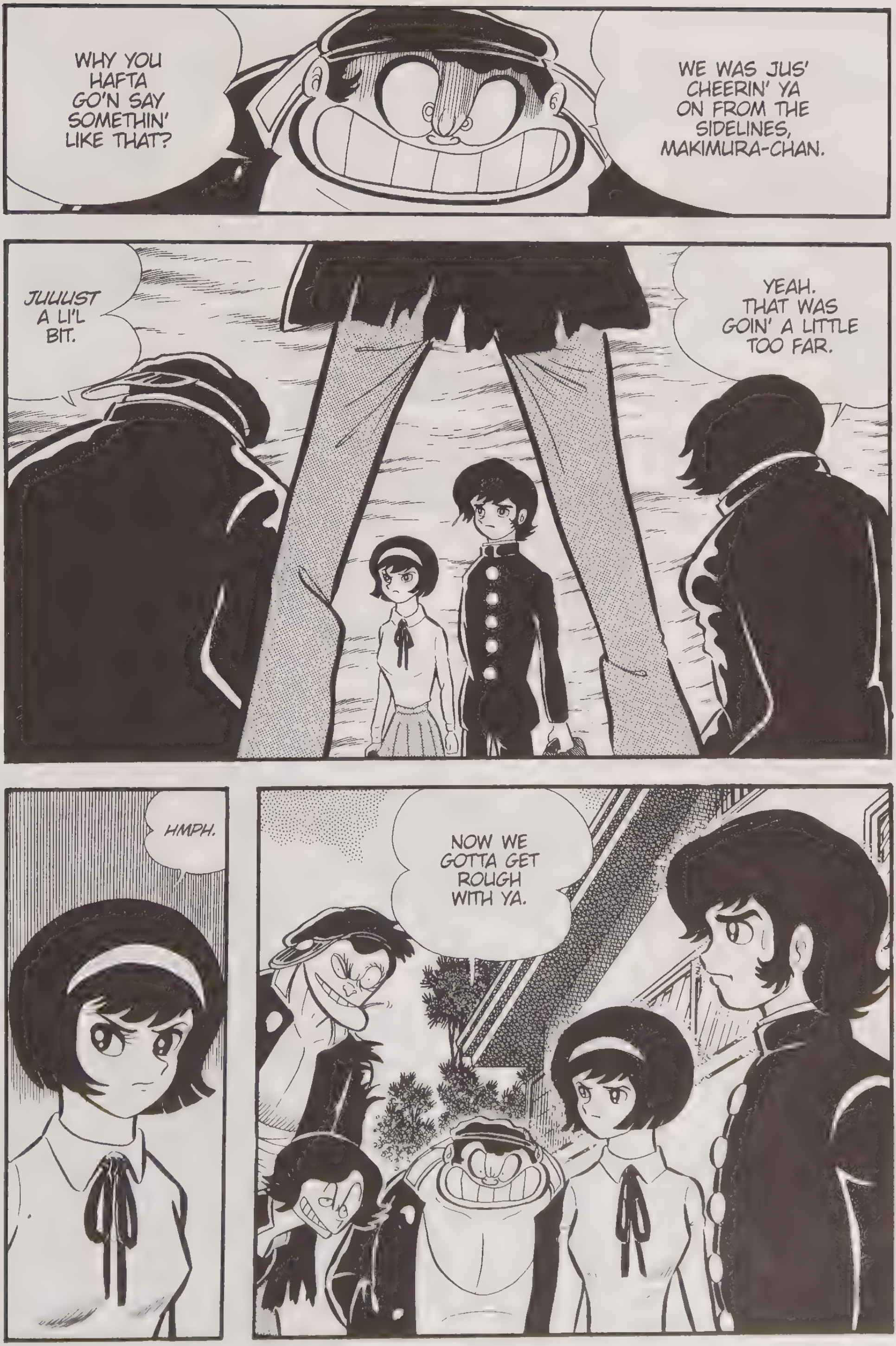
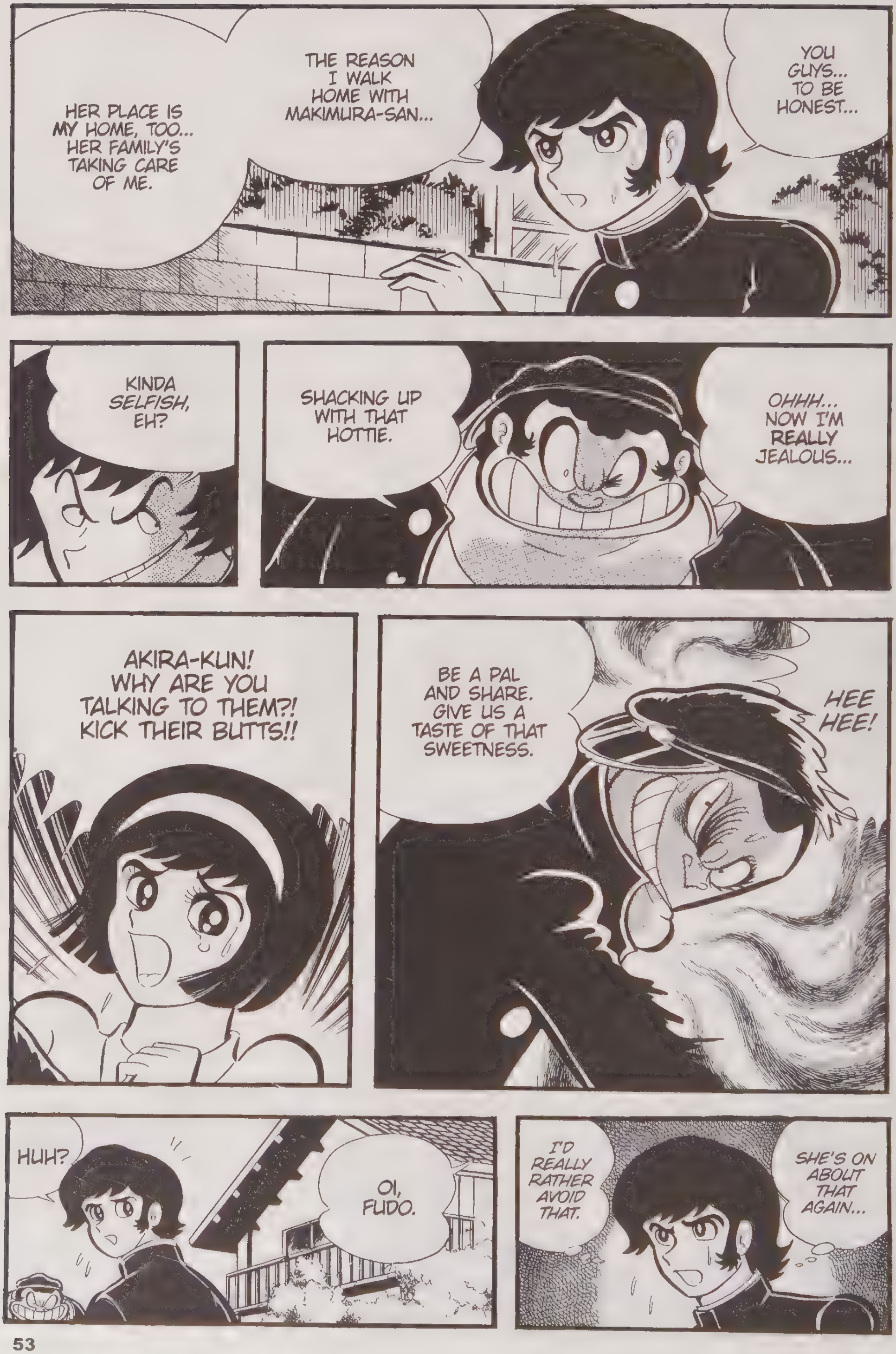
AH HA HA HA!
HEY! ROMEO !!
WHOOT WOO!

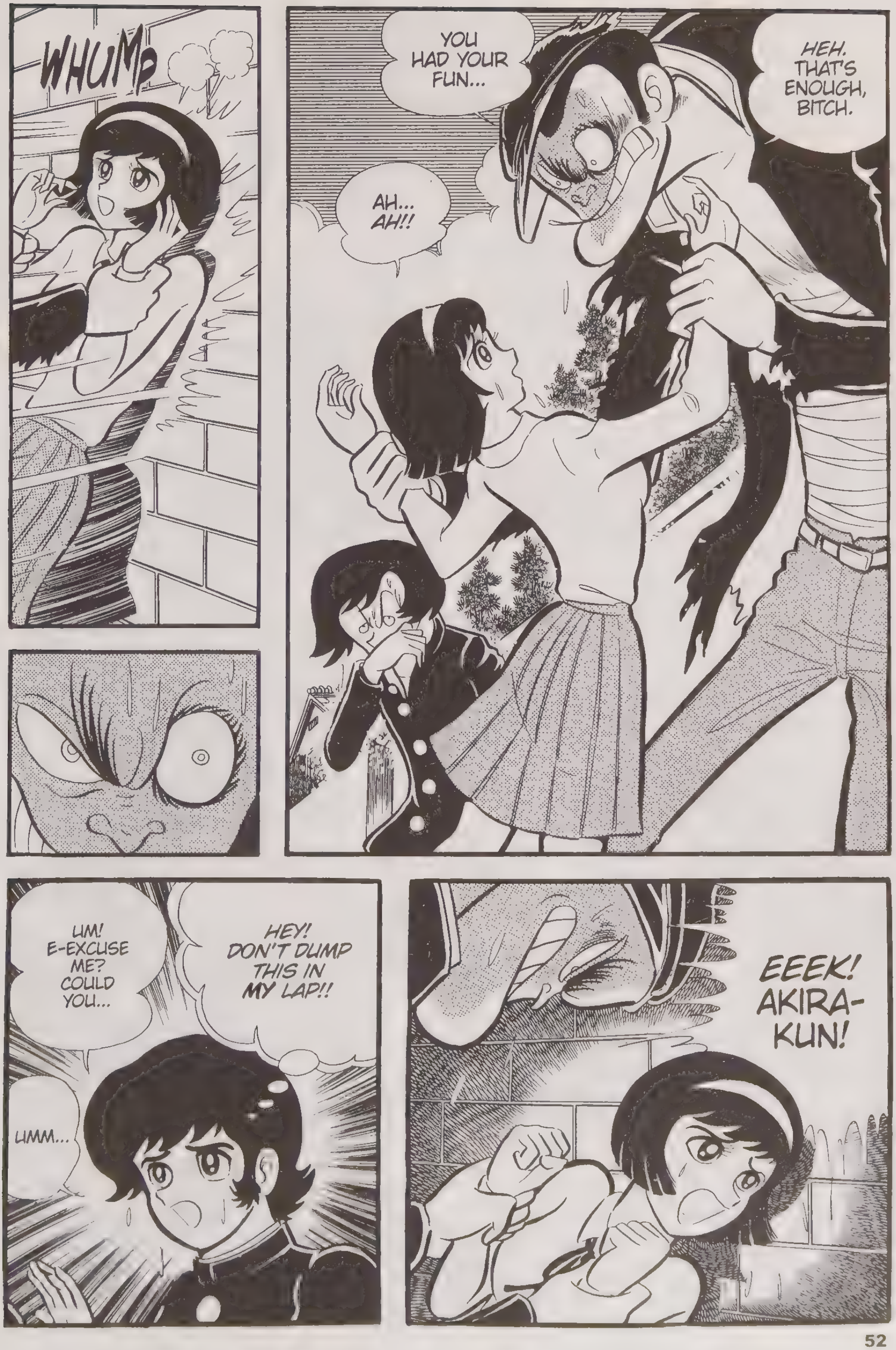

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
IDIOTS!!
YOU THINK DRESSING TOUGH MAKES YOU TOUGH?!
YOU LOOK LIKE KIDS AT A COSTUME PARTY! YOU'RE NOTHING!
NO ONE WOULD EVEN CARE IF YOU DIED!
MIKI-CHAN, STOP! DON'T EGG THEM ON. WE NEED TO GO.
SO JUST DIE ALREADY!
OI, MAKIMURA! THAT'S QUITE THE MOUTH YOU GOT. I'D WATCH IT, IF I WERE YOU.

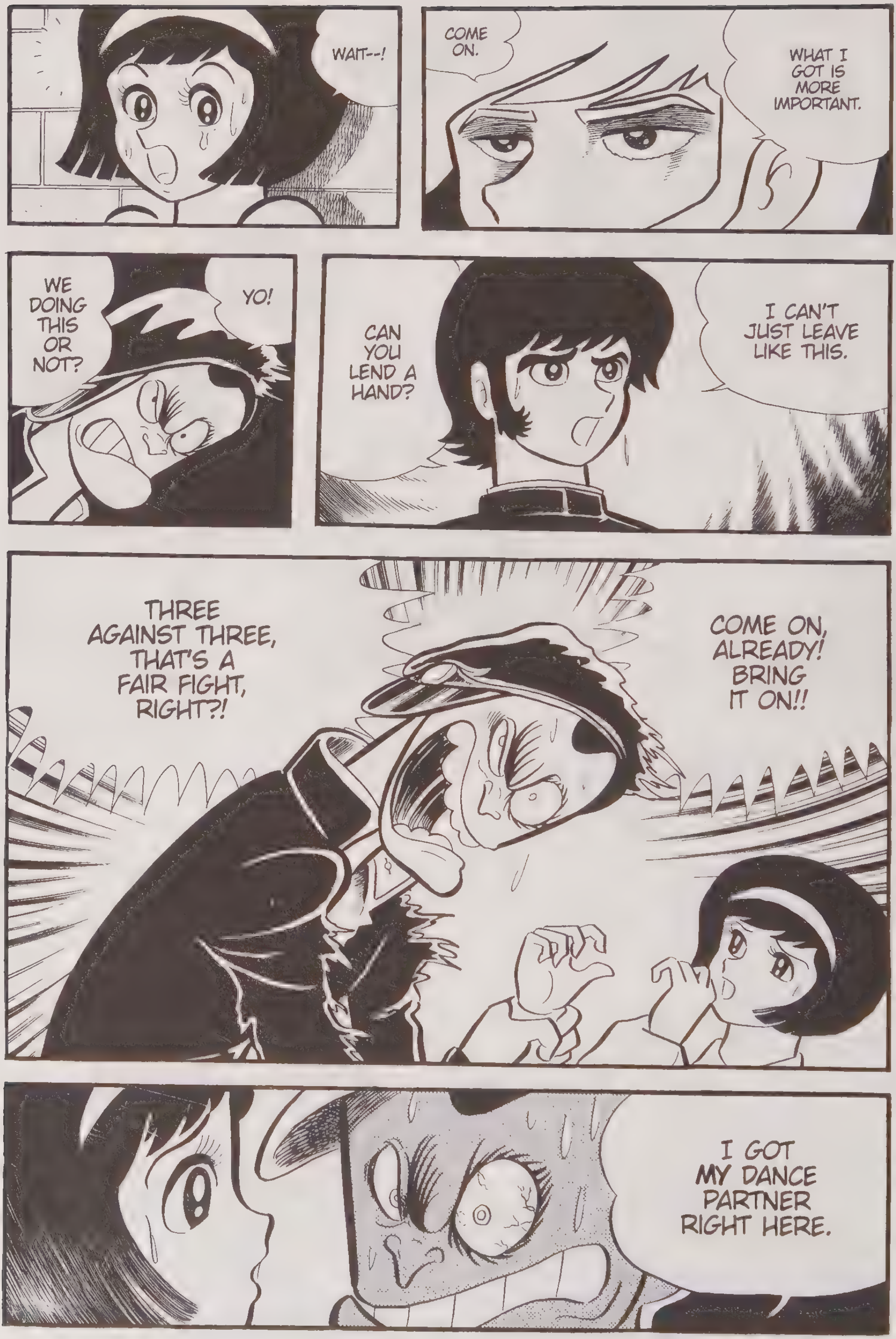

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE THAT, AKIRA?
WOO!
WOO!
YEAH.
YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME.
IF WE RESPOND, IT'LL JUST BE WORSE!
HEY, KIDDIES! IT'S GETTING AWFUL LATE. YOU'D BETTER RUN HOME TO MAMA!
DON'T STOP FOR A QUICKIE ON THE WAY!
SO THE CRYBABY IS STILL A CRYBABY, HUH?
LITTLE **PRICKS!** SHUT YOUR FILTHY MOUTHS!
BASTARDS!
MIKI-CHAN!

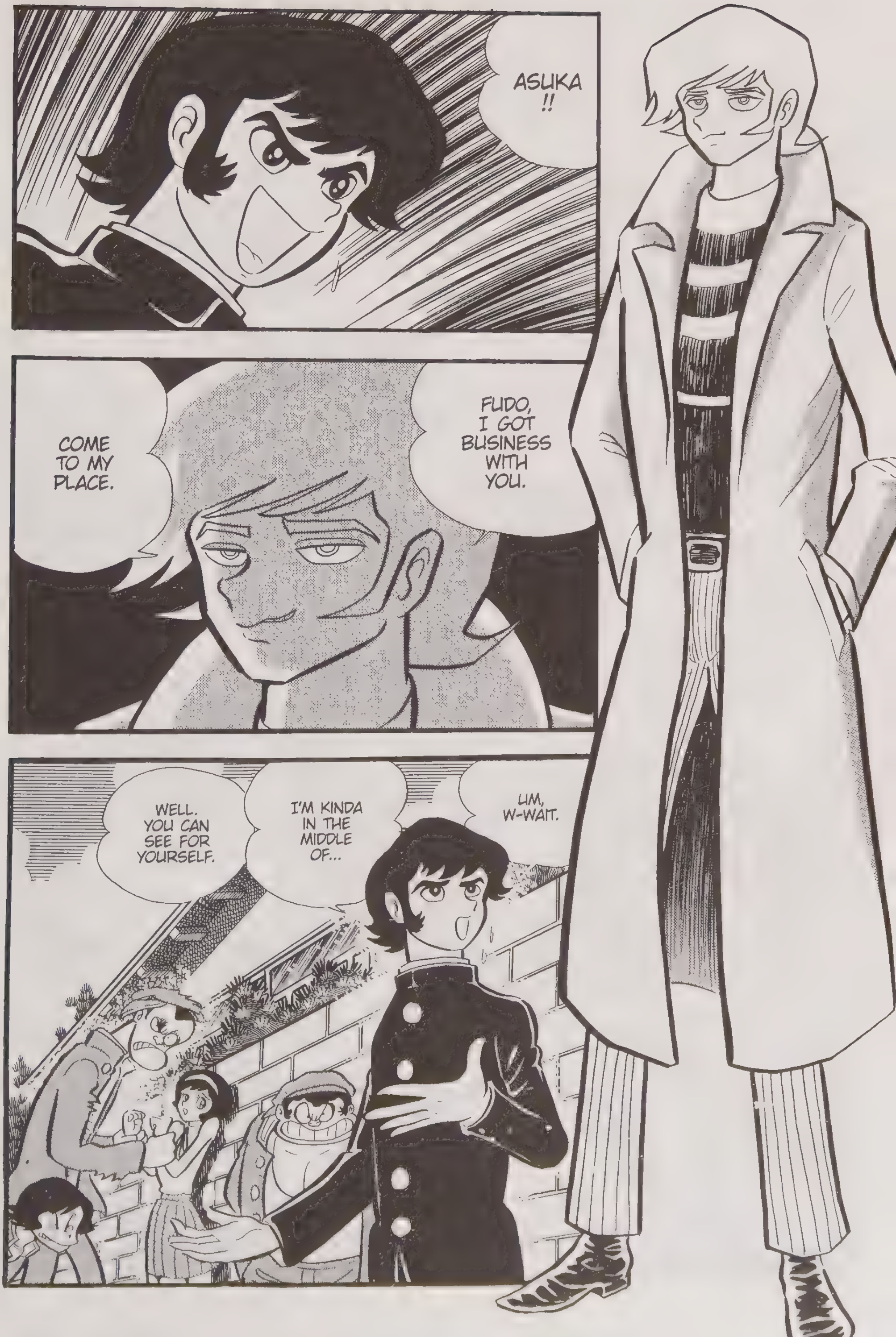

YOU KNOW HOW I GOT MY NICKNAME? "SLAPPING MIKI"?
IF YOU DON'T...
I'LL TEACH YOU!!
SLAAP
AH!
SWAP
GRAB

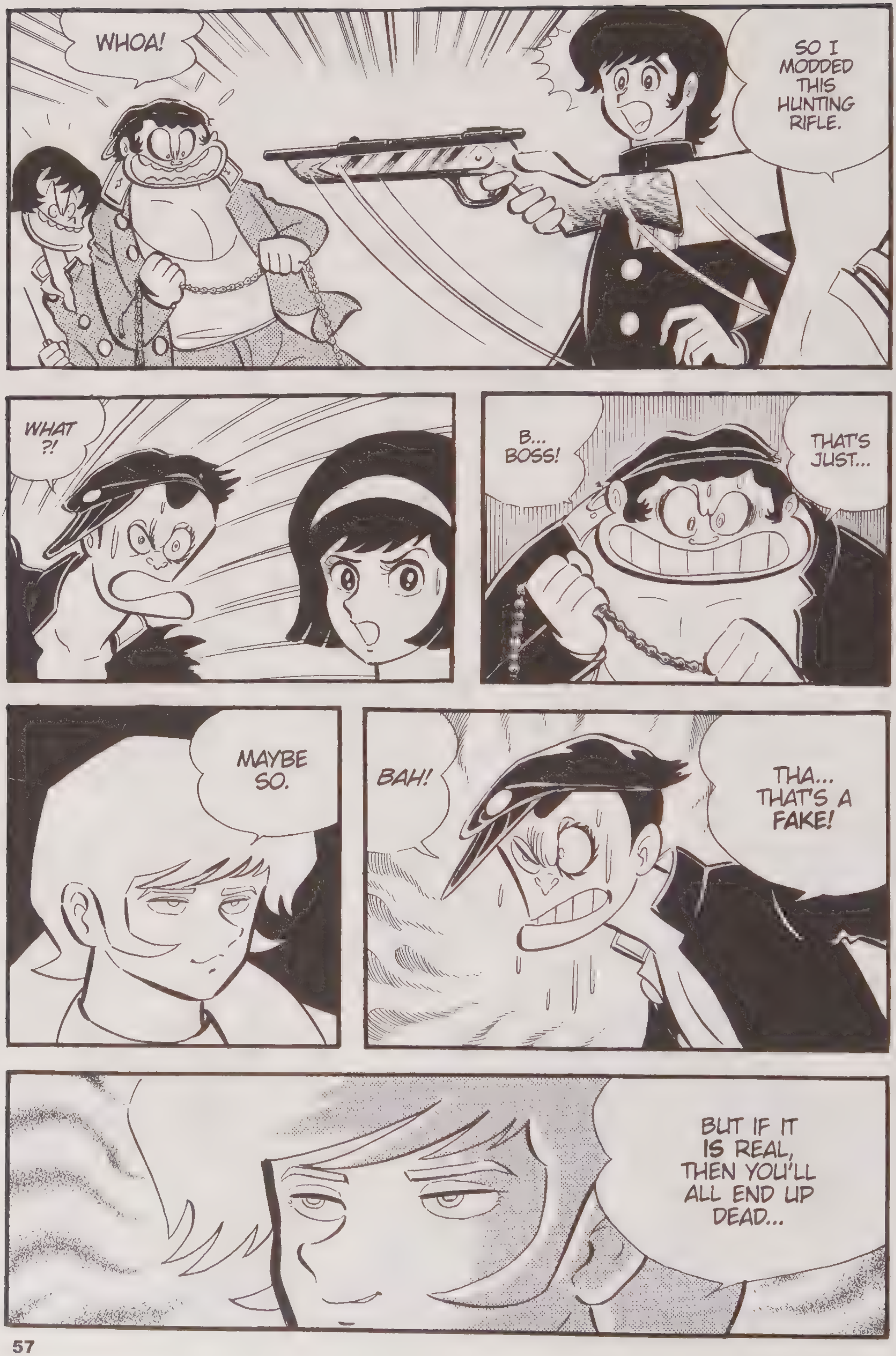

WE WAS JUS' CHEERIN' YA ON FROM THE SIDELINES, MAKIMURA-CHAN.
WHY YOU HAFTA GO'N SAY SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT?
YEAH. THAT WAS GOIN' A LITTLE TOO FAR.
JUUUST A LI'L BIT.
NOW WE GOTTA GET ROUGH WITH YA.
HMPH.

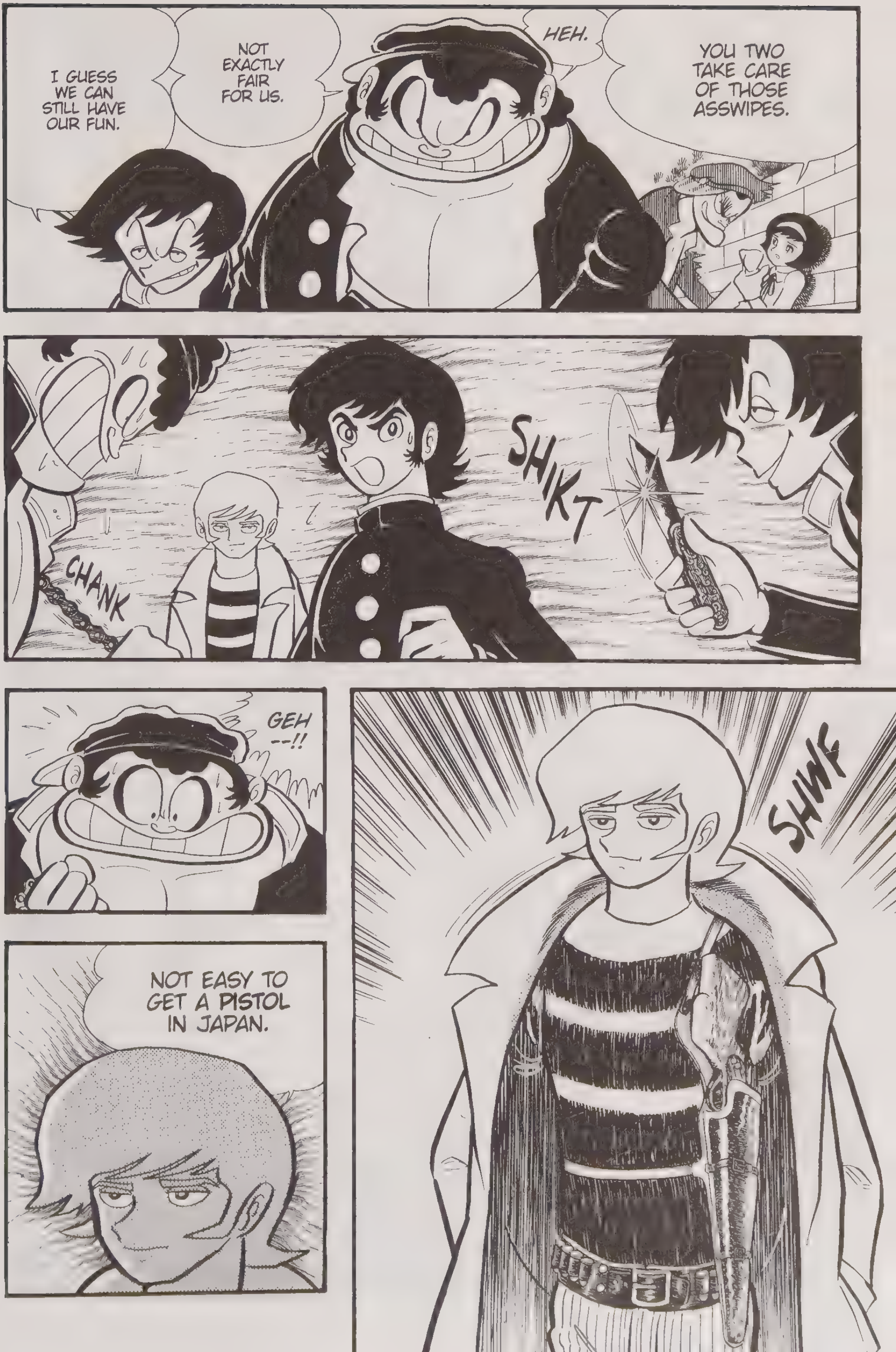

YOU GUYS... TO BE HONEST...
THE REASON I WALK HOME WITH MAKIMURA-SAN...
HER PLACE IS MY HOME, TOO... HER FAMILY'S TAKING CARE OF ME.
OHHH... NOW I'M **REALLY** JEALOUS...
SHACKING UP WITH THAT HOTTIE.
KINDA SELFISH, EH?
HEE HEE!
BE A PAL AND SHARE. GIVE US A TASTE OF THAT SWEETNESS.
AKIRA-KUN! WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO THEM?! KICK THEIR BUTTS!!
SHE'S ON ABOUT THAT AGAIN...
I'D REALLY RATHER AVOID THAT.
OI, FUDO.
HUH?


HEH. THAT'S ENOUGH, BITCH.
YOU HAD YOUR FUN...
AH... AH!!
WHUMP
EEEK! AKIRA-KUN!
HEY! DON'T DUMP THIS IN MY LAP!!
UM! E-EXCUSE ME? COULD YOU...
UMM...


WHAT I GOT IS MORE IMPORTANT.
COME ON.
WAIT--!
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS.
CAN YOU LEND A HAND?
YO!
WE DOING THIS OR NOT?
COME ON, ALREADY! BRING IT ON!!
THREE AGAINST THREE, THAT'S A FAIR FIGHT, RIGHT?!
I GOT MY DANCE PARTNER RIGHT HERE.


ASUKA !!
FUDO, I GOT BUSINESS WITH YOU.
COME TO MY PLACE.
UM, W-WAIT.
I'M KINDA IN THE MIDDLE OF...
WELL. YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF.


SO I MODDED THIS HUNTING RIFLE.
WHOA!
THAT'S JUST...
B... BOSS!
WHAT ?!
THA... THAT'S A FAKE!
BAH!
MAYBE SO.
BUT IF IT IS REAL, THEN YOU'LL ALL END UP DEAD...


I GUESS WE CAN STILL HAVE OUR FUN.
NOT EXACTLY FAIR FOR US.
HEH.
YOU TWO TAKE CARE OF THOSE ASSWIPES.
CHANK
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GEH--!!
NOT EASY TO GET A PISTOL IN JAPAN.
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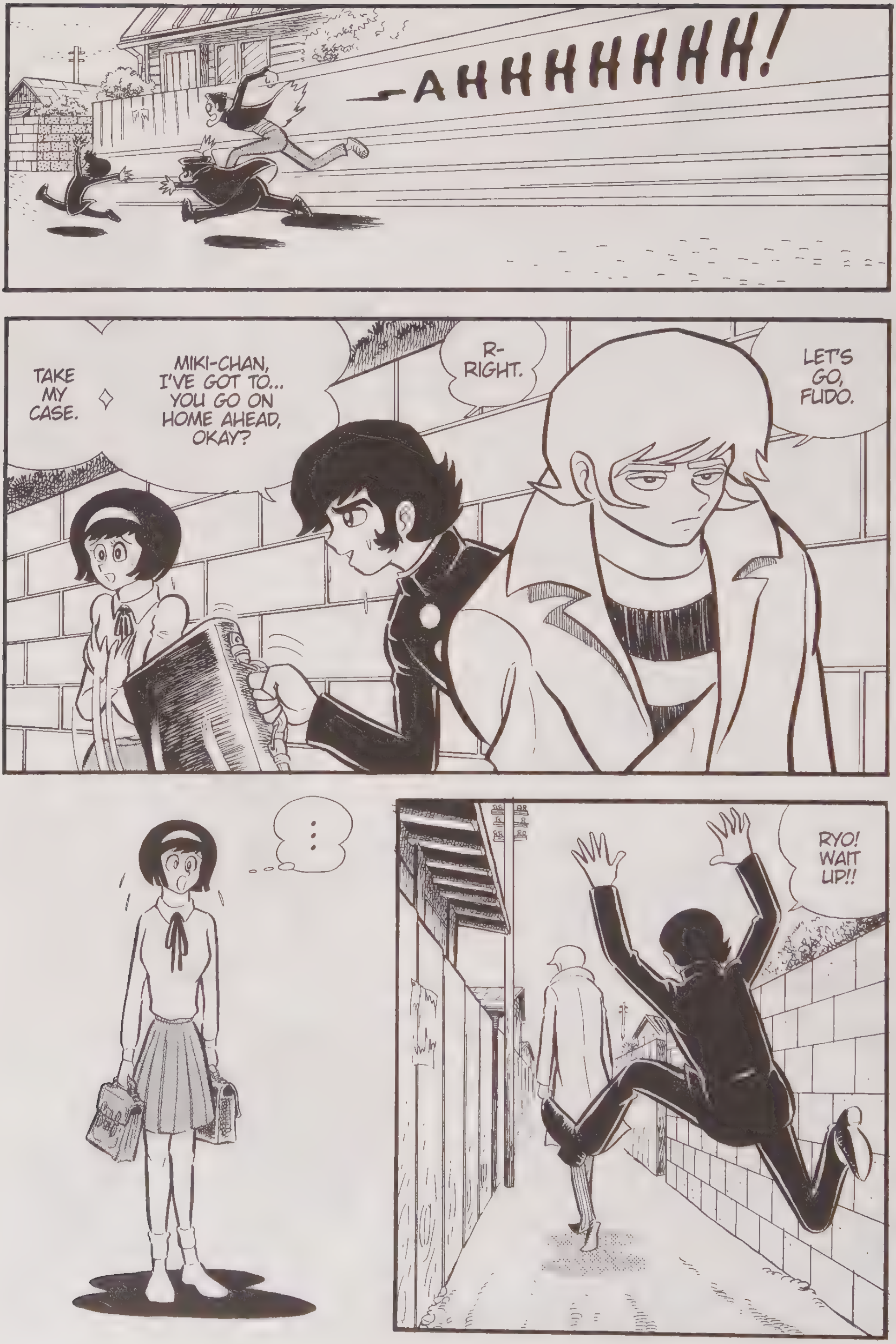
-AHHHHHHHH!
LET'S GO, FUDO.
R-RIGHT.
MIKI-CHAN, I'VE GOT TO... YOU GO ON HOME AHEAD, OKAY?
TAKE MY CASE. ♢
RYO! WAIT UP!!
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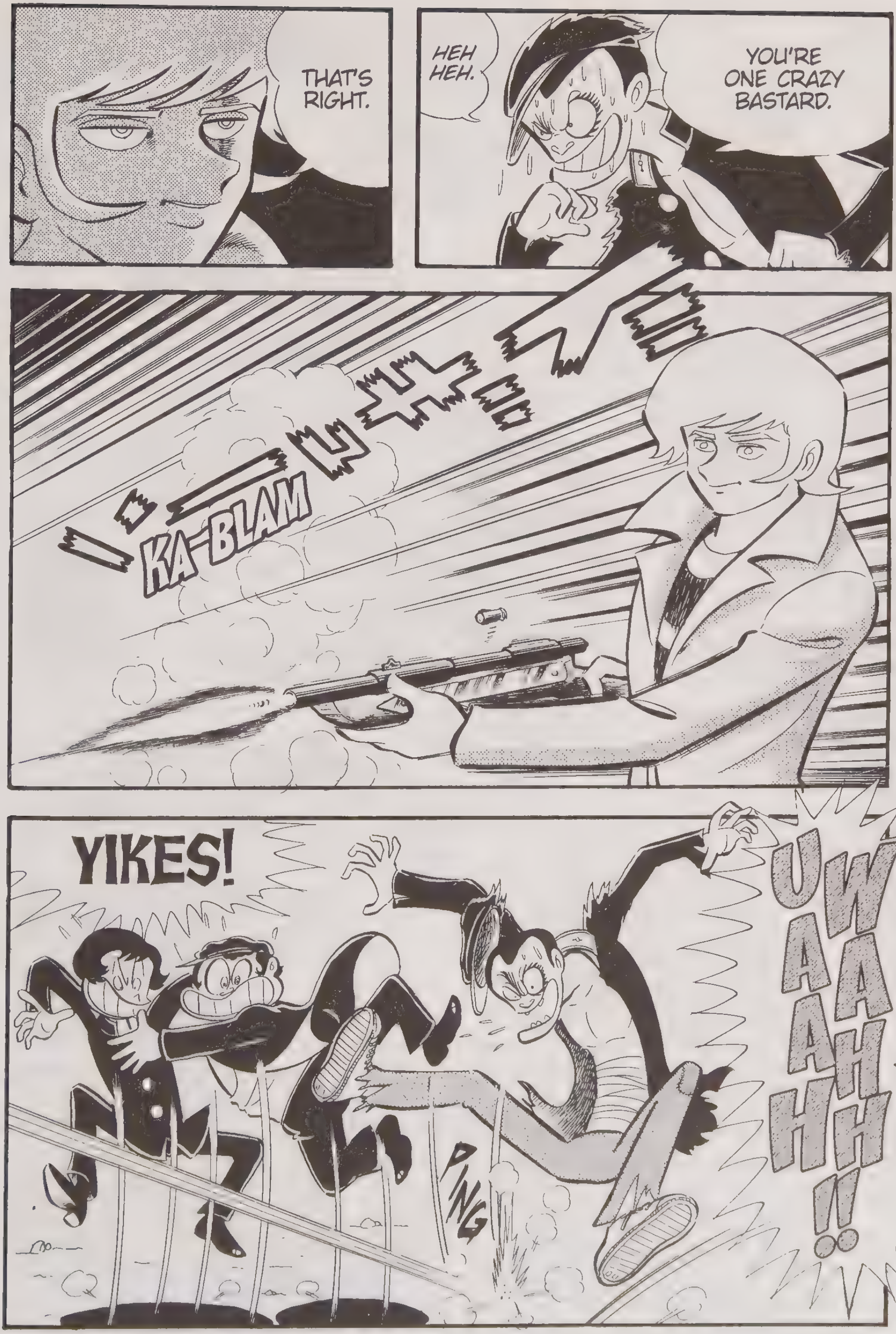
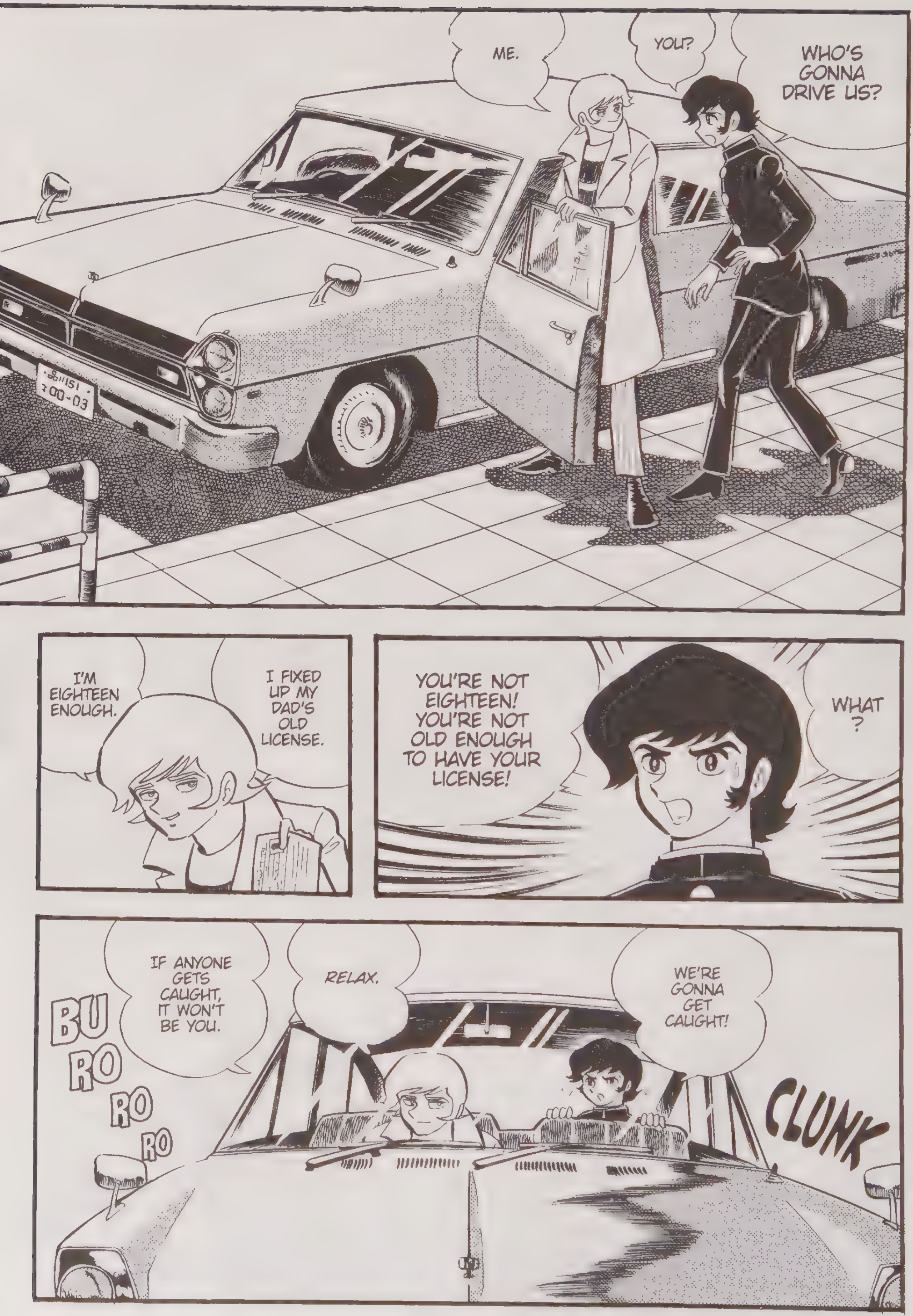

HEH HEH.
YOU'RE ONE CRAZY BASTARD.
THAT'S RIGHT.
KA-BLAM
UWAAAHH!!
PING
YIKES!


WHO'S GONNA DRIVE US?
YOU?
ME.
WHAT ?
YOU'RE NOT EIGHTEEN! YOU'RE NOT OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE YOUR LICENSE!
I FIXED UP MY DAD'S OLD LICENSE.
I'M EIGHTEEN ENOUGH.
CLUNK
WE'RE GONNA GET CAUGHT!
RELAX.
IF ANYONE GETS CAUGHT, IT WON'T BE YOU.
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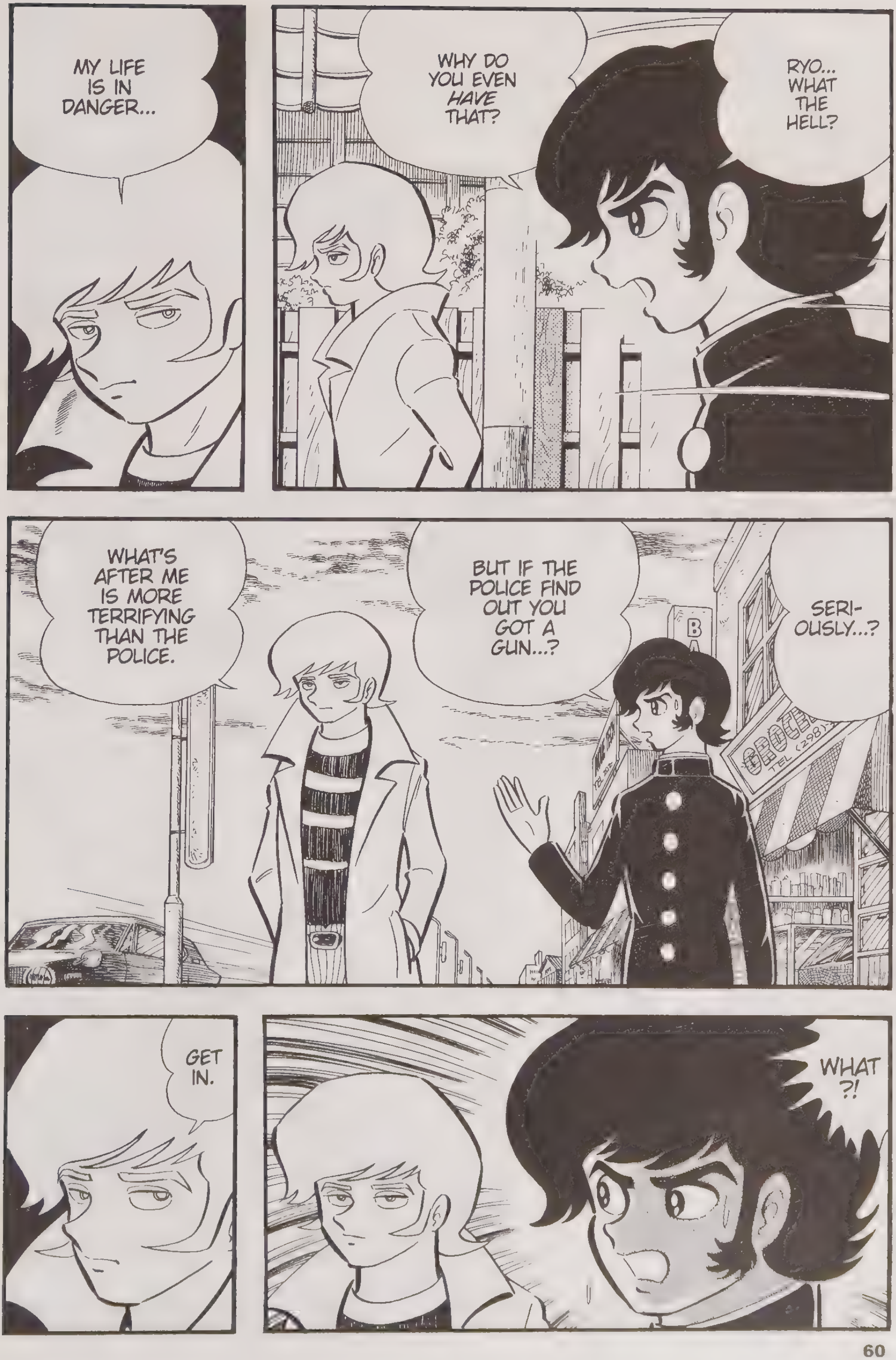
RYO... WHAT THE HELL?
WHY DO YOU EVEN *HAVE* THAT?
MY LIFE IS IN DANGER...
SERI-OUSLY...?
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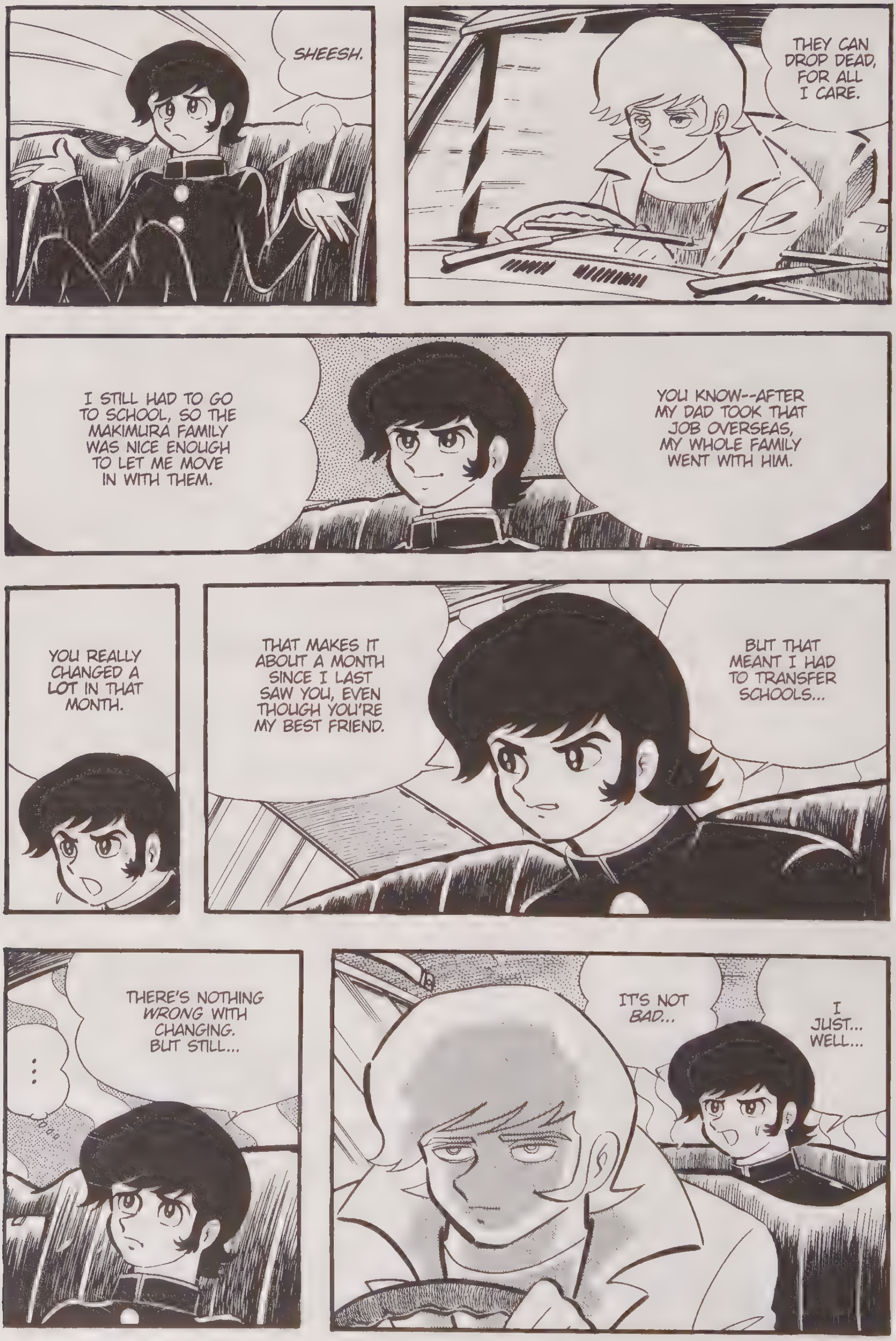
BUT IF THE POLICE FIND OUT YOU GOT A GUN...?
WHAT'S AFTER ME IS MORE TERRIFYING THAN THE POLICE.
WHAT?!
GET IN.


THEY CAN DROP DEAD, FOR ALL I CARE.
SHEESH.
YOU KNOW--AFTER MY DAD TOOK THAT JOB OVERSEAS, MY WHOLE FAMILY WENT WITH HIM.
I STILL HAD TO GO TO SCHOOL, SO THE MAKIMURA FAMILY WAS NICE ENOUGH TO LET ME MOVE IN WITH THEM.
BUT THAT MEANT I HAD TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS...
THAT MAKES IT ABOUT A MONTH SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND.
YOU REALLY CHANGED A LOT IN THAT MONTH.
I JUST... WELL...
IT'S NOT BAD...
THERE'S NOTHING *WRONG* WITH CHANGING. BUT STILL...
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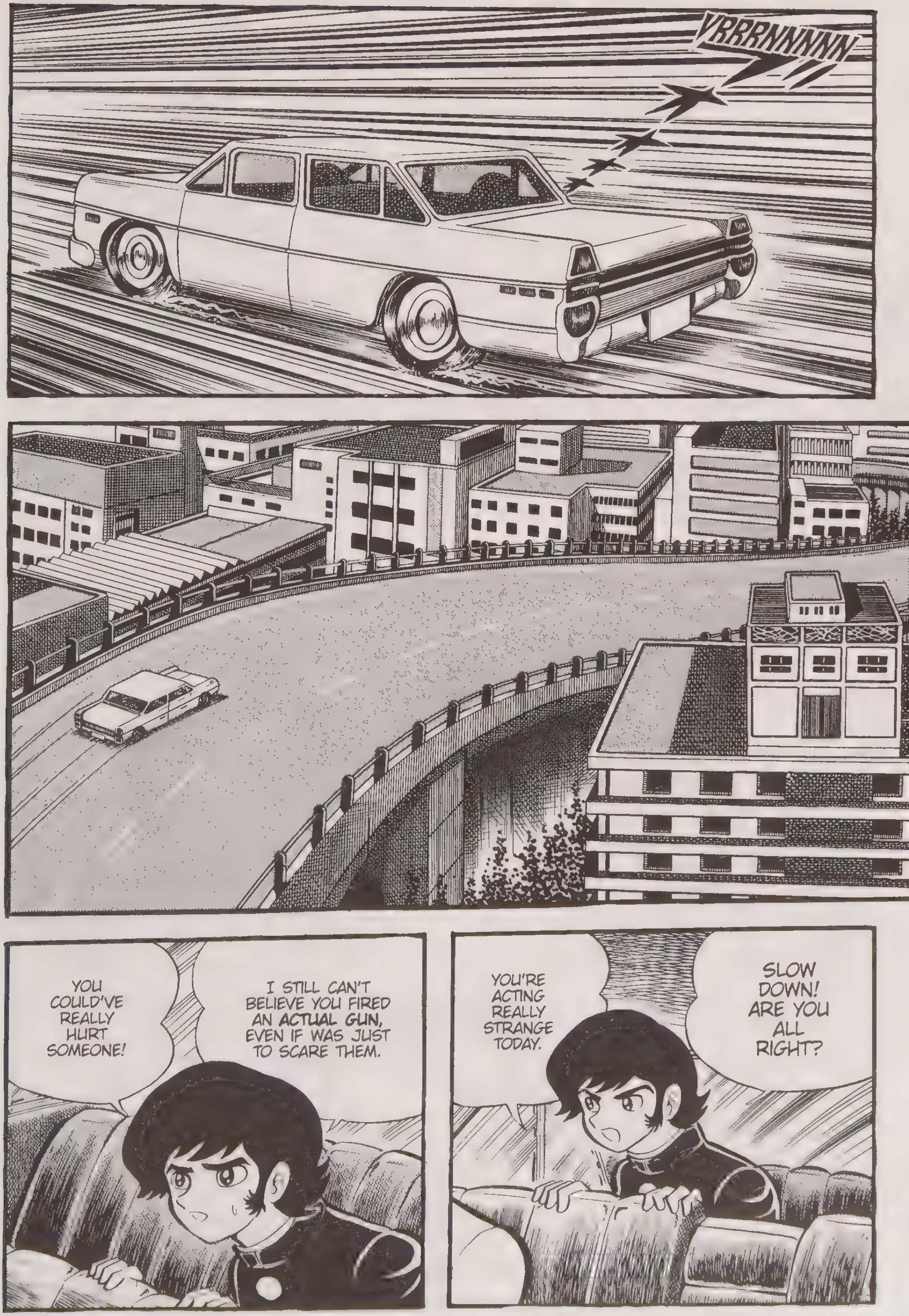
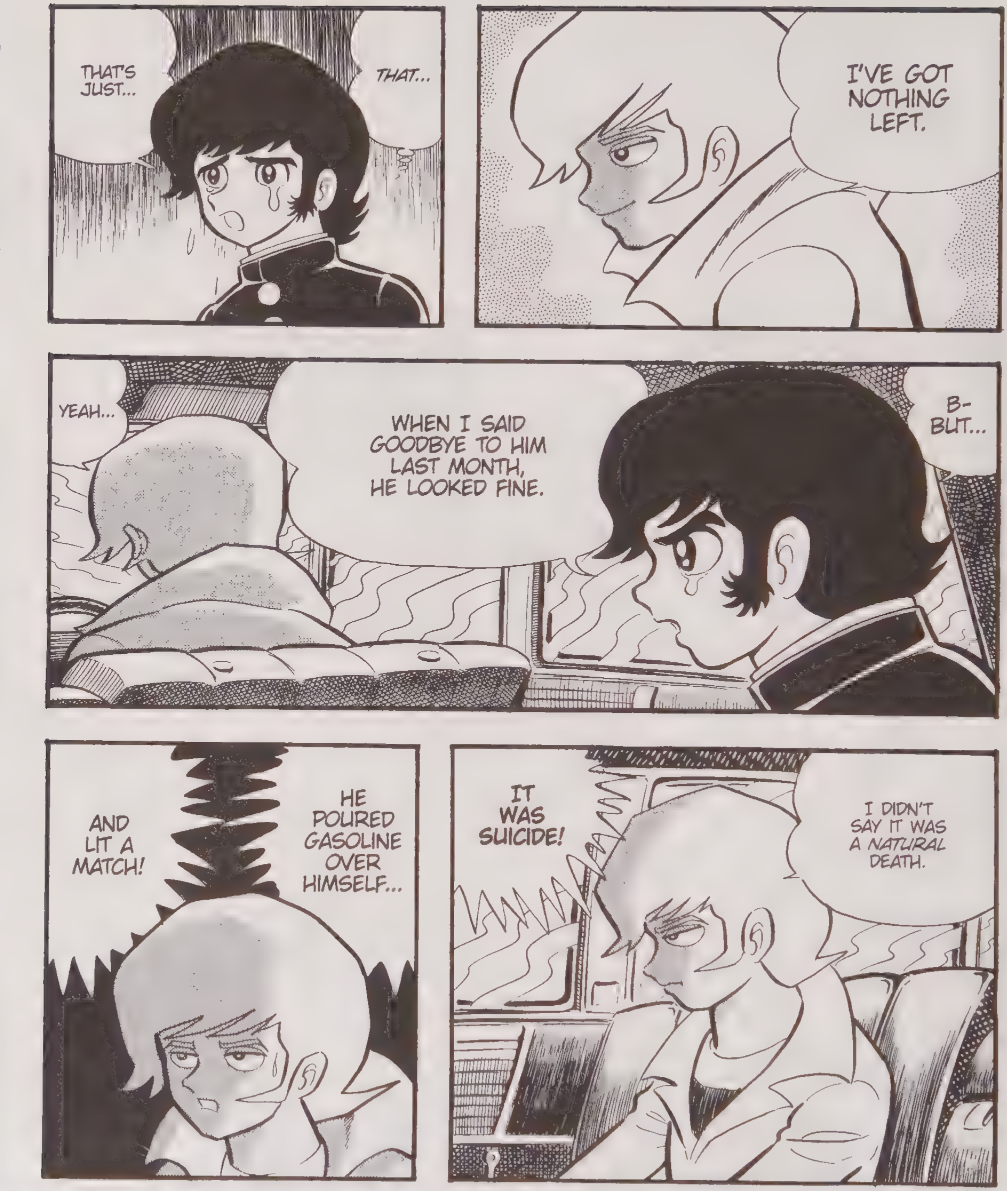
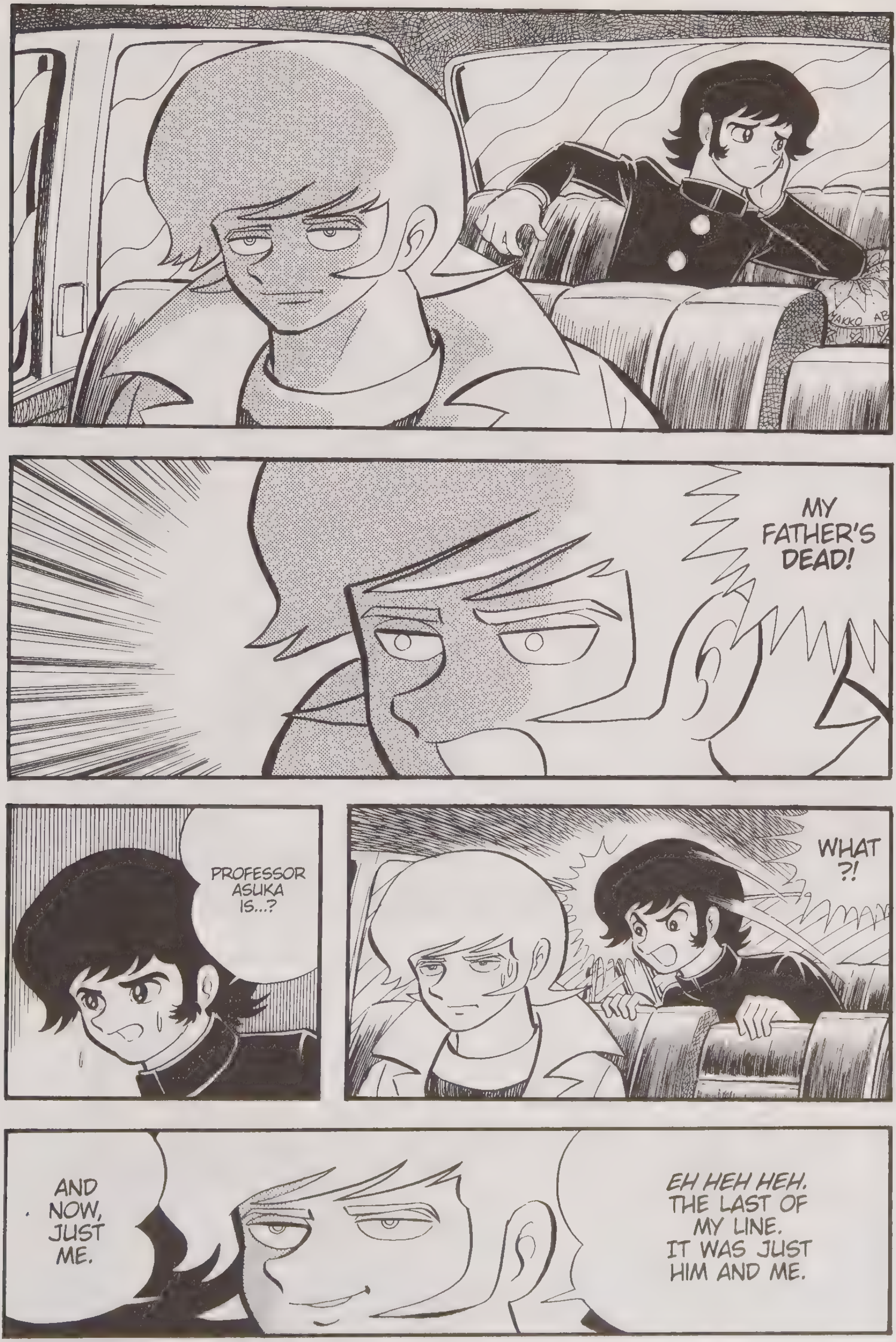
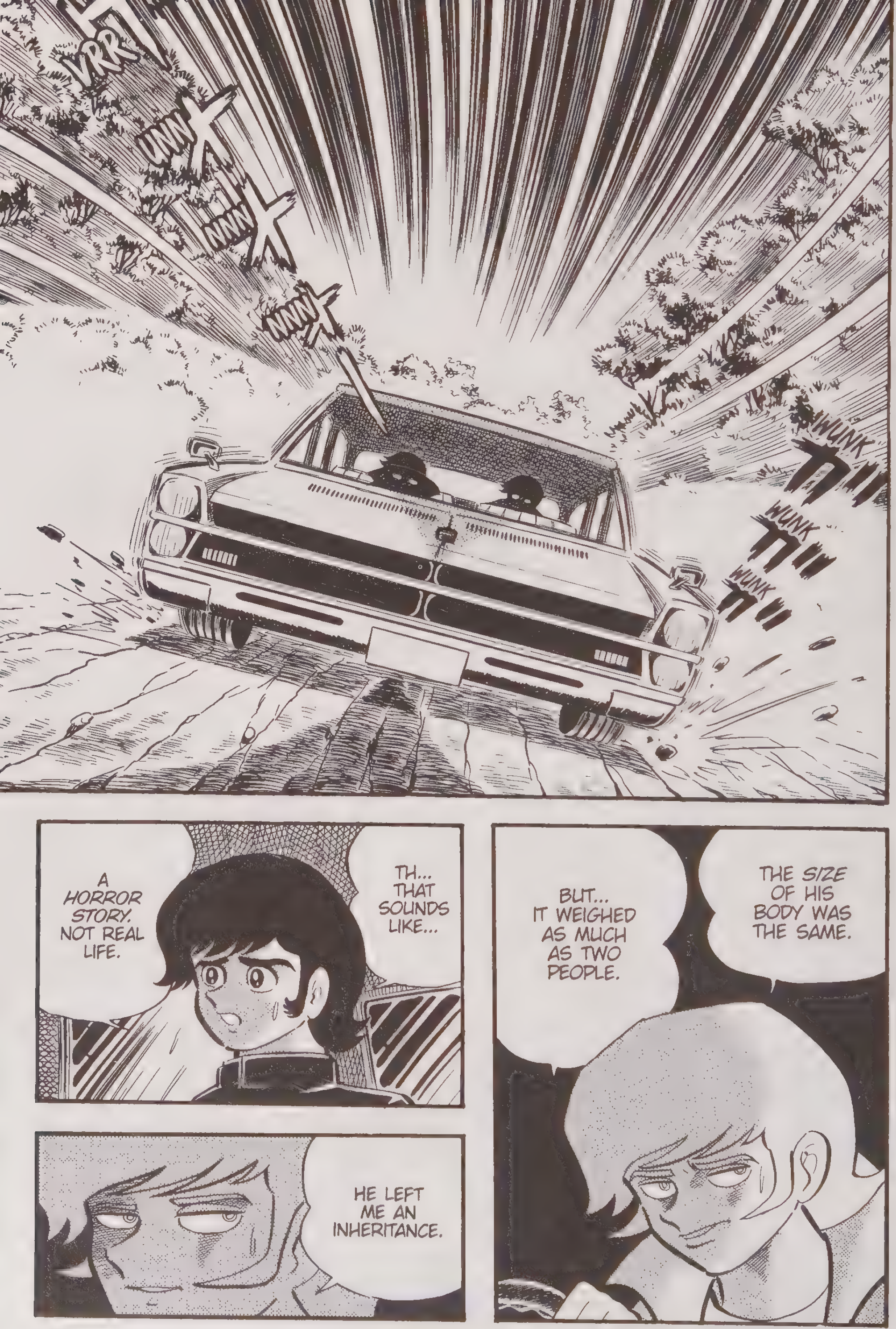

VRRRNNNNN
SLOW DOWN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE ACTING REALLY STRANGE TODAY.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FIRED AN ACTUAL GUN, EVEN IF WAS JUST TO SCARE THEM.
YOU COULD'VE REALLY HURT SOMEONE!


I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT.
THAT...
THAT'S JUST...
B-BUT...
WHEN I SAID GOODBYE TO HIM LAST MONTH, HE LOOKED FINE.
YEAH...
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS A *NATURAL* DEATH.
IT WAS SUICIDE!
HE POURED GASOLINE OVER HIMSELF...
AND LIT A MATCH!
WHAT?!


HAKKO AB
MY FATHER'S DEAD!
WHAT ?!
PROFESSOR ASUKA IS...?
EH HEH HEH. THE LAST OF MY LINE. IT WAS JUST HIM AND ME.
AND NOW, JUST ME.


VRR
UNN
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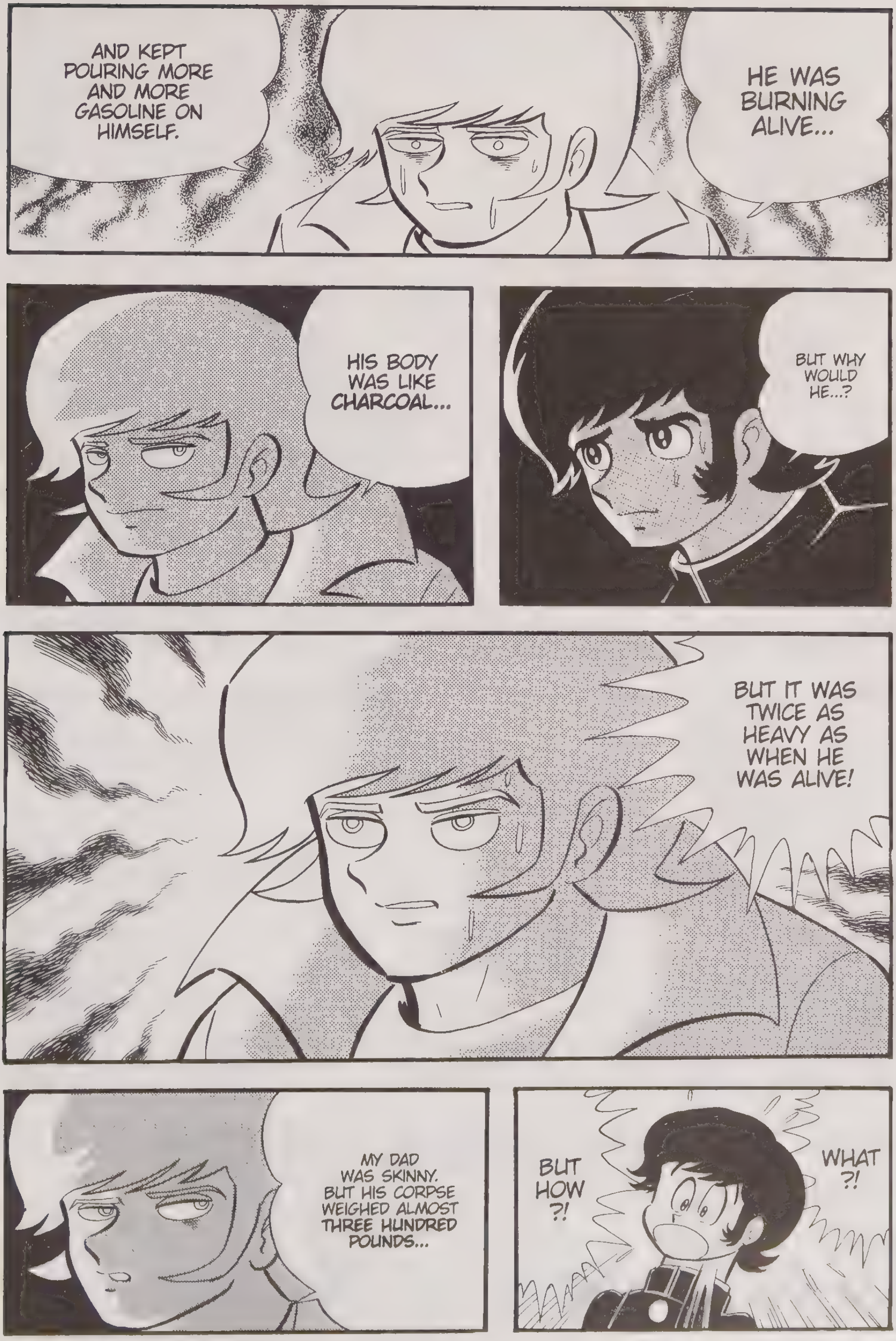
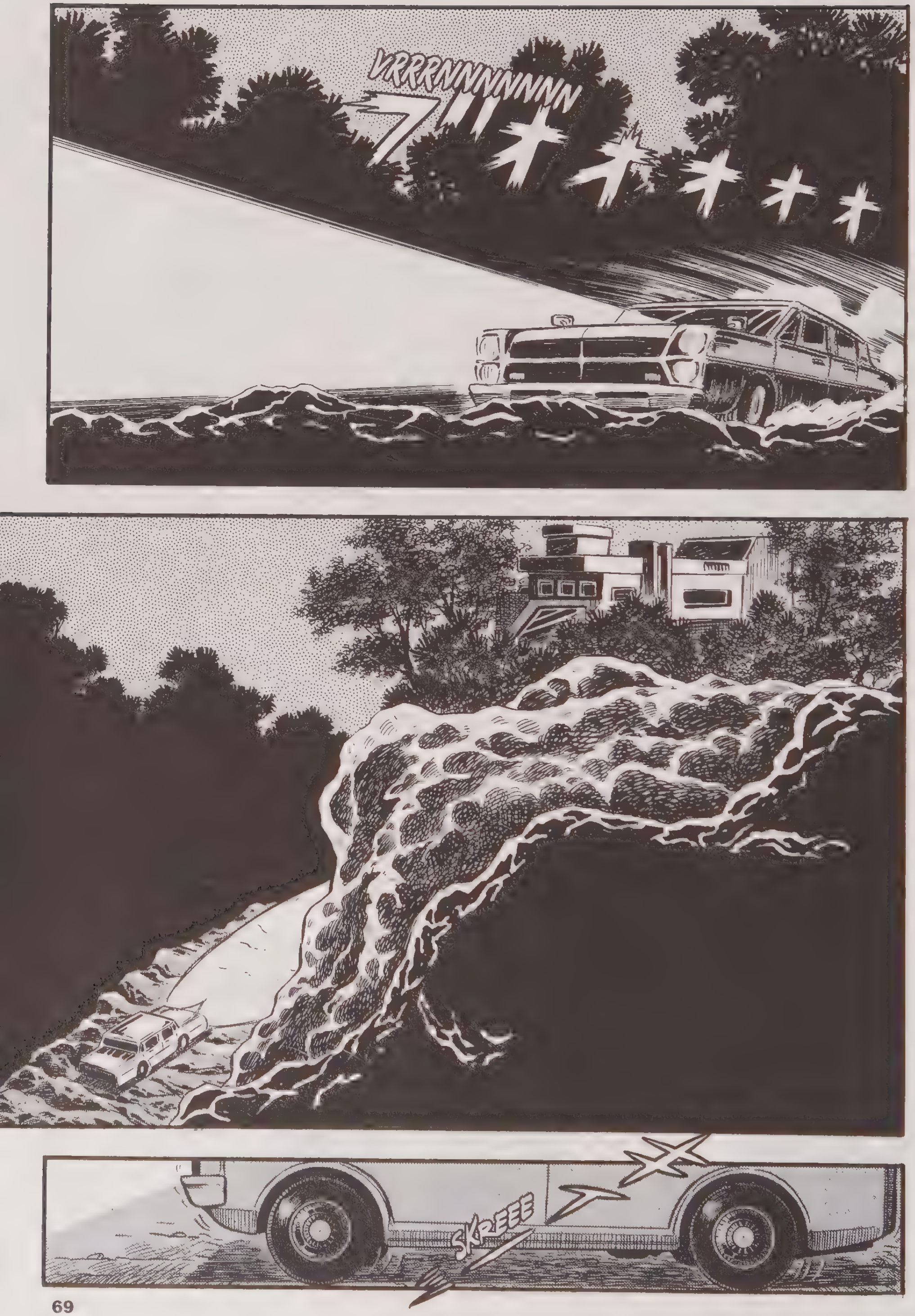
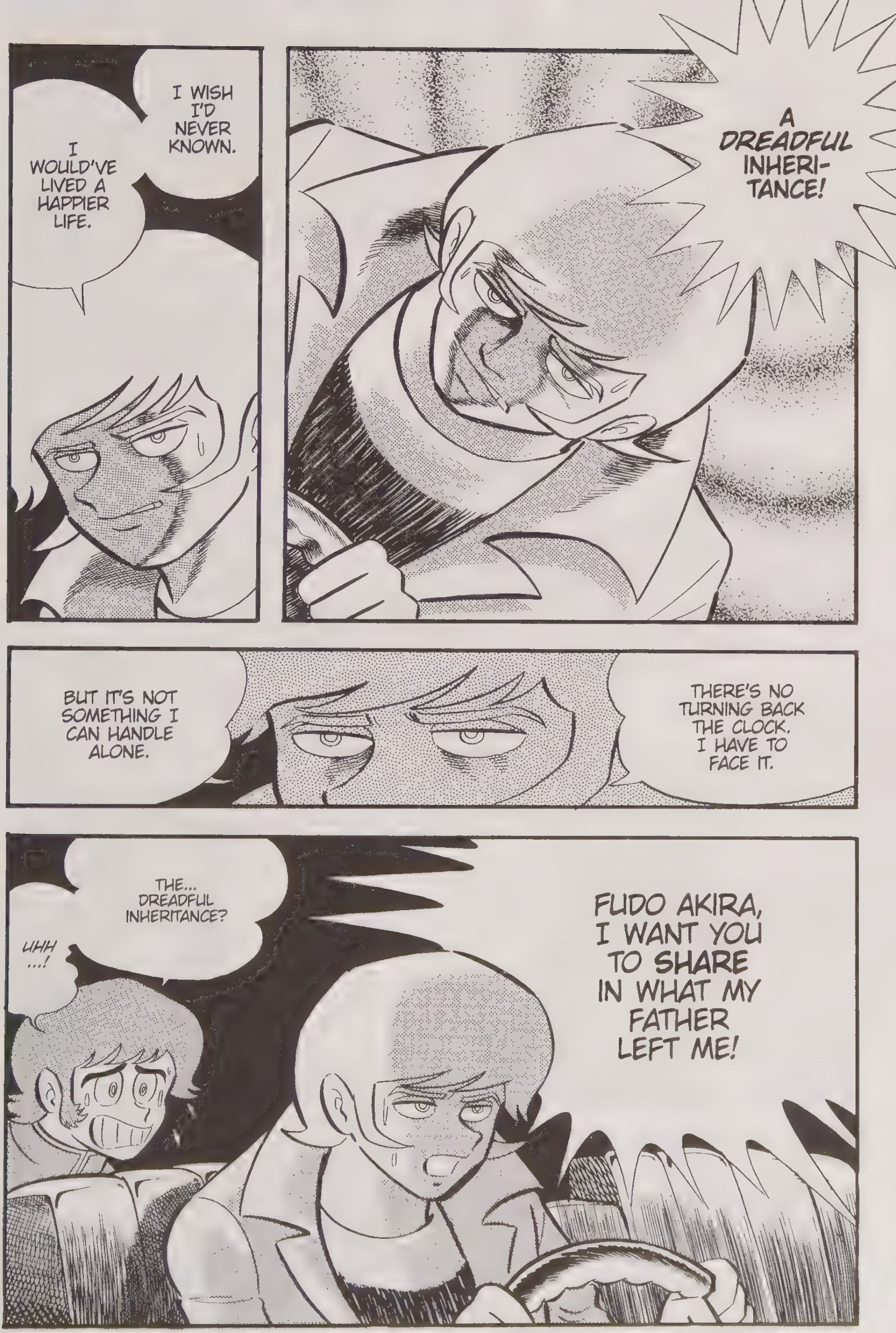
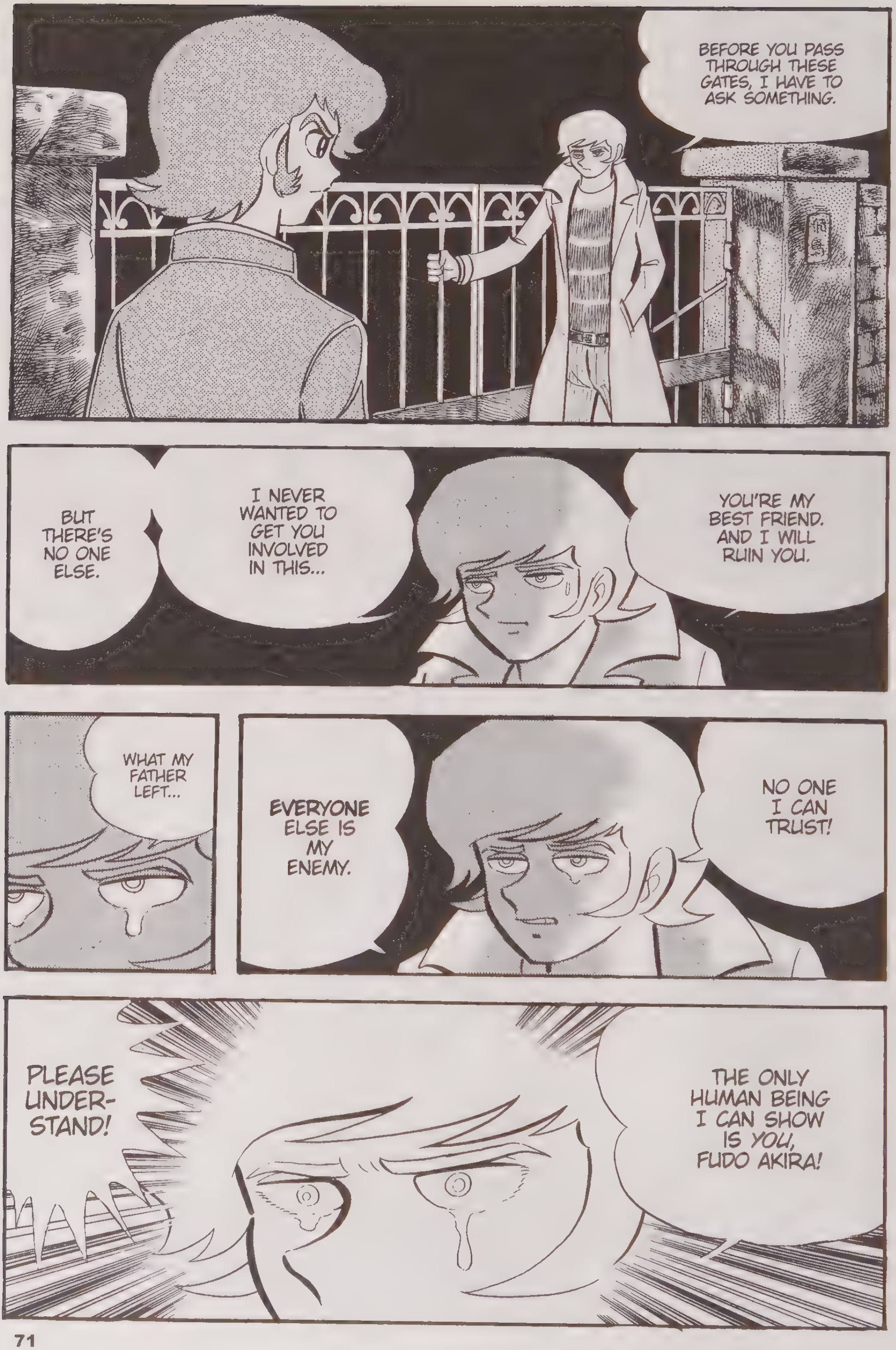
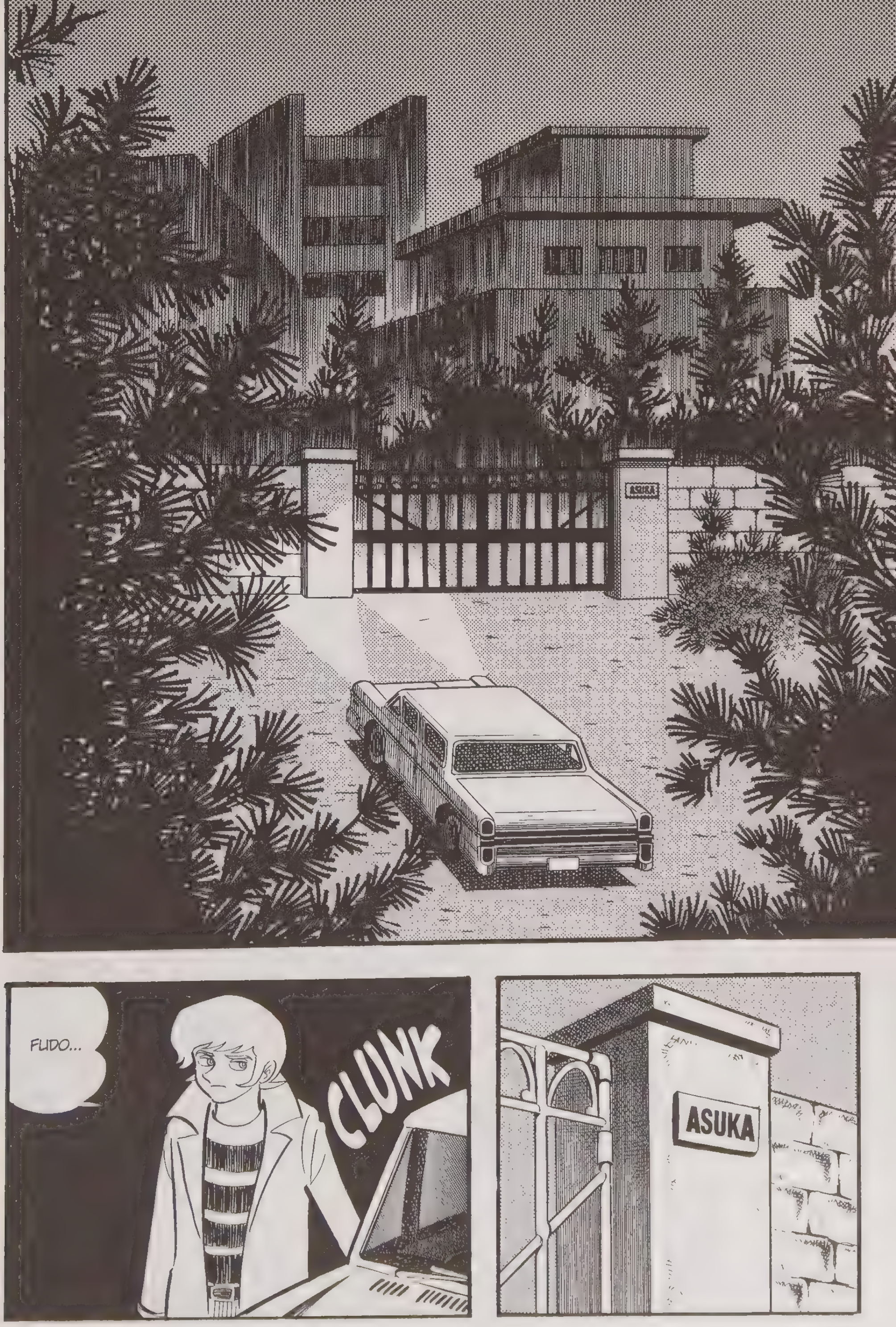
WUNK
WUNK
WUNK
THE SIZE OF HIS BODY WAS THE SAME.
BUT... IT WEIGHED AS MUCH AS TWO PEOPLE.
TH... THAT SOUNDS LIKE...
A *HORROR STORY.* NOT REAL LIFE.
HE LEFT ME AN INHERITANCE.

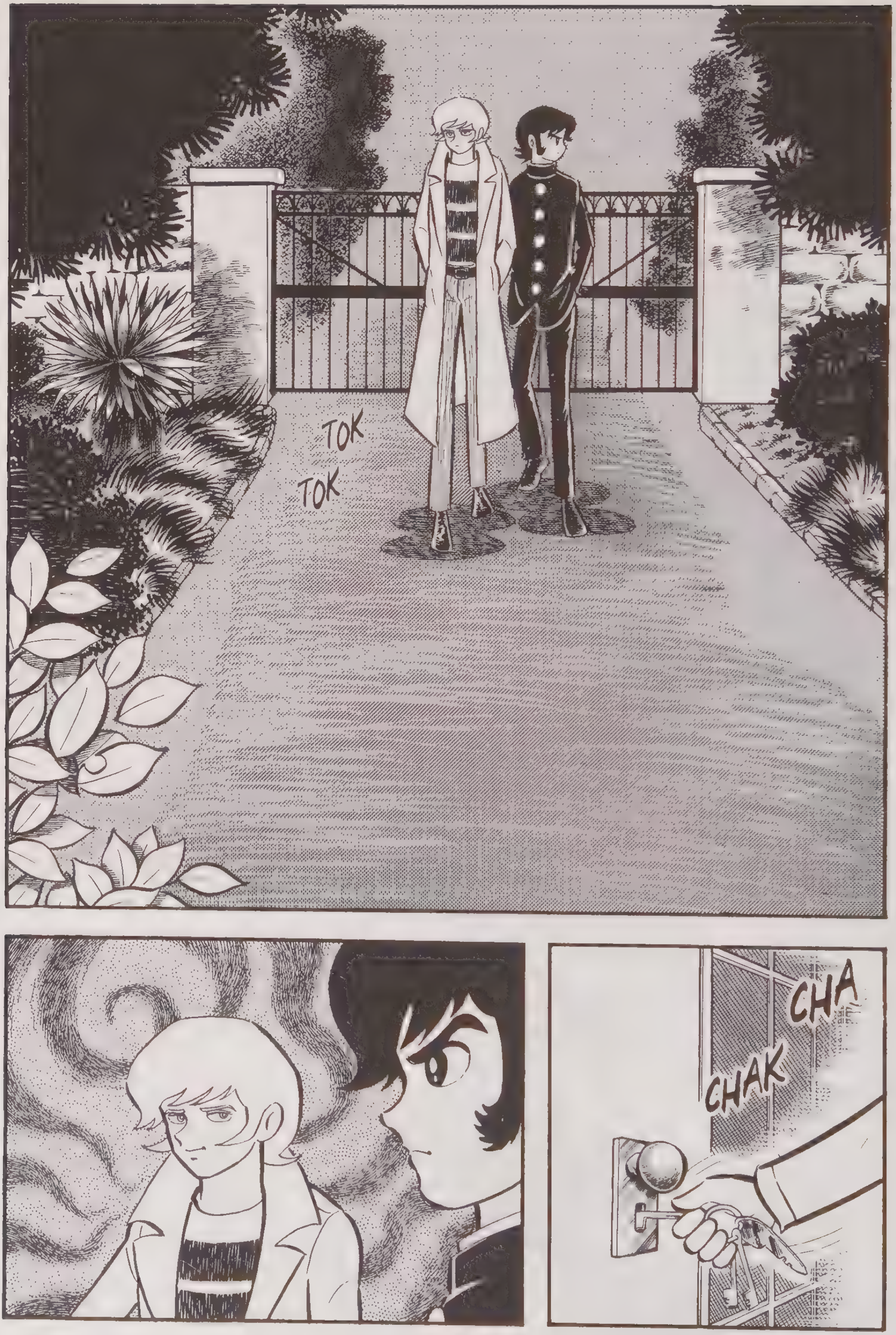

HE WAS BURNING ALIVE...
AND KEPT POURING MORE AND MORE GASOLINE ON HIMSELF.
BUT WHY WOULD HE...?
HIS BODY WAS LIKE CHARCOAL...
BUT IT WAS TWICE AS HEAVY AS WHEN HE WAS ALIVE!
WHAT ?!
BUT HOW ?!
MY DAD WAS SKINNY. BUT HIS CORPSE WEIGHED ALMOST THREE HUNDRED POUNDS...


VRRRNNNNNNNN
ブオオオオオオ
SKREEE


A *DREADFUL* INHERITANCE!
I WISH I'D NEVER KNOWN.
I WOULD'VE LIVED A HAPPIER LIFE.
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK THE CLOCK. I HAVE TO FACE IT.
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN HANDLE ALONE.
FUDO AKIRA, I WANT YOU TO **SHARE** IN WHAT MY FATHER LEFT ME!
THE... DREADFUL INHERITANCE?
UHH ...!


BEFORE YOU PASS THROUGH THESE GATES, I HAVE TO ASK SOMETHING.
YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. AND I WILL RUIN YOU.
I NEVER WANTED TO GET YOU INVOLVED IN THIS...
BUT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE.
NO ONE I CAN TRUST!
EVERYONE ELSE IS MY ENEMY.
WHAT MY FATHER LEFT...
THE ONLY HUMAN BEING I CAN SHOW IS *YOU*, FUDO AKIRA!
PLEASE UNDERSTAND!


ASUKA
FUDO...
CLUNK
ASUKA


TOK
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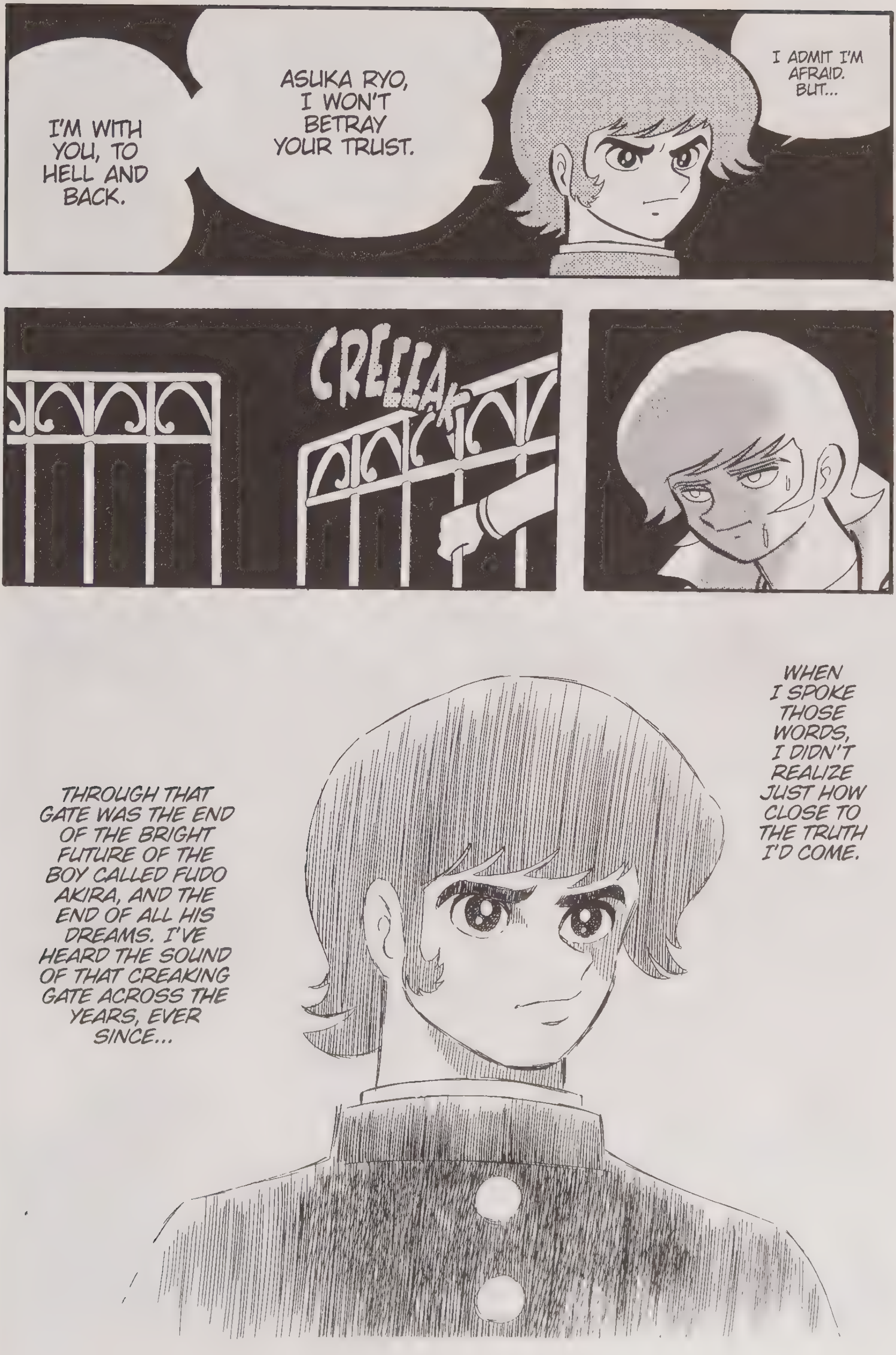
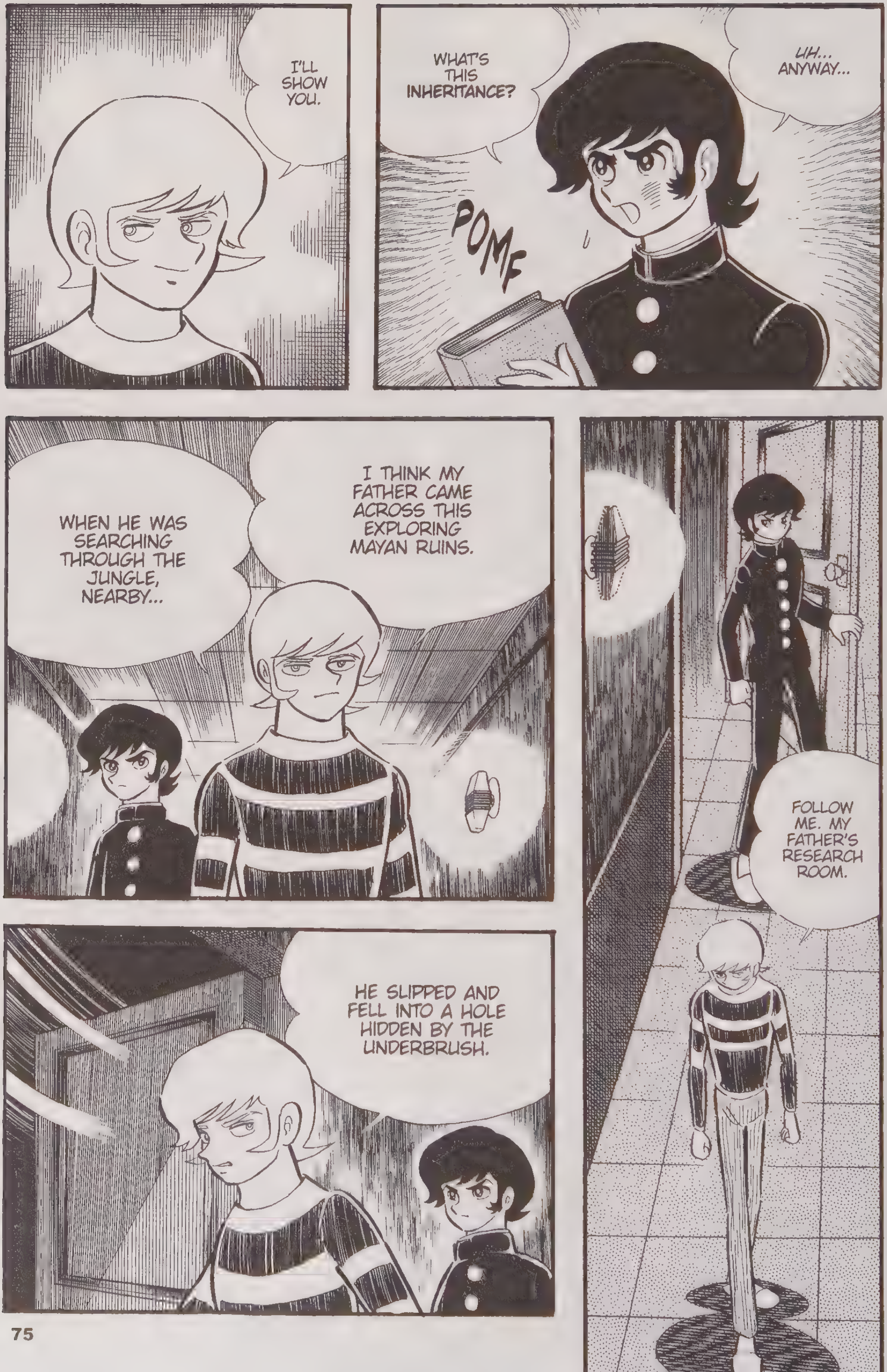
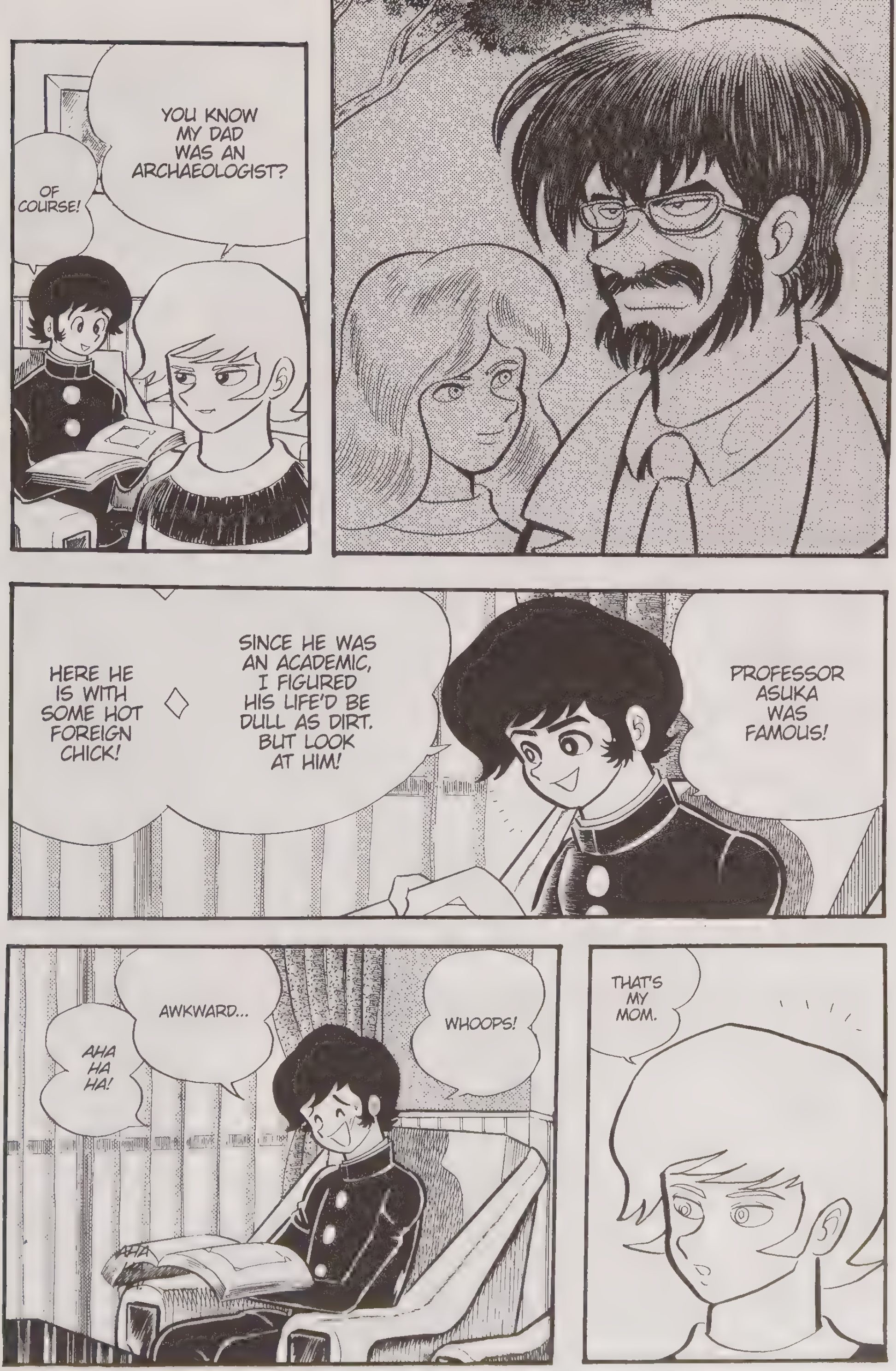
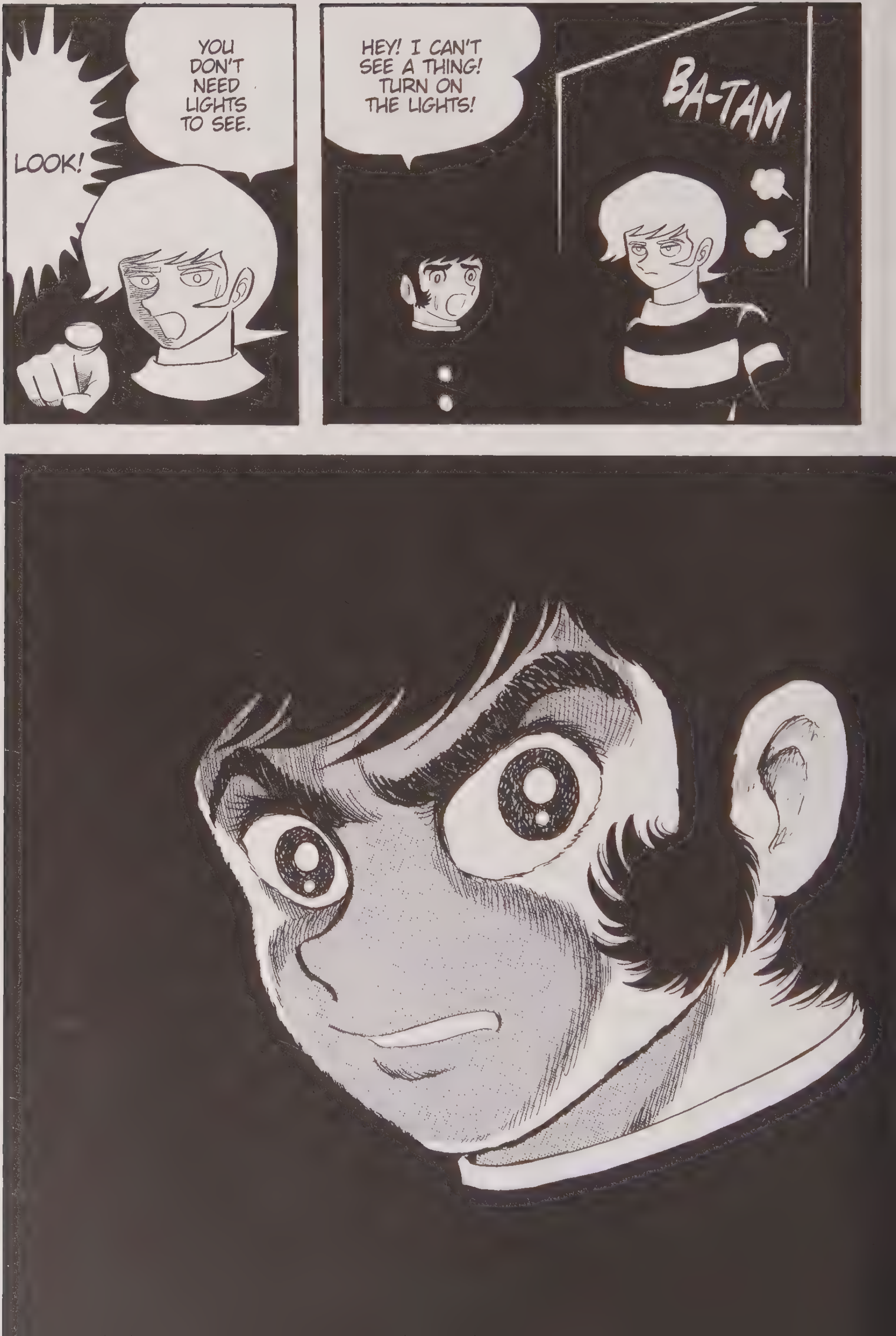
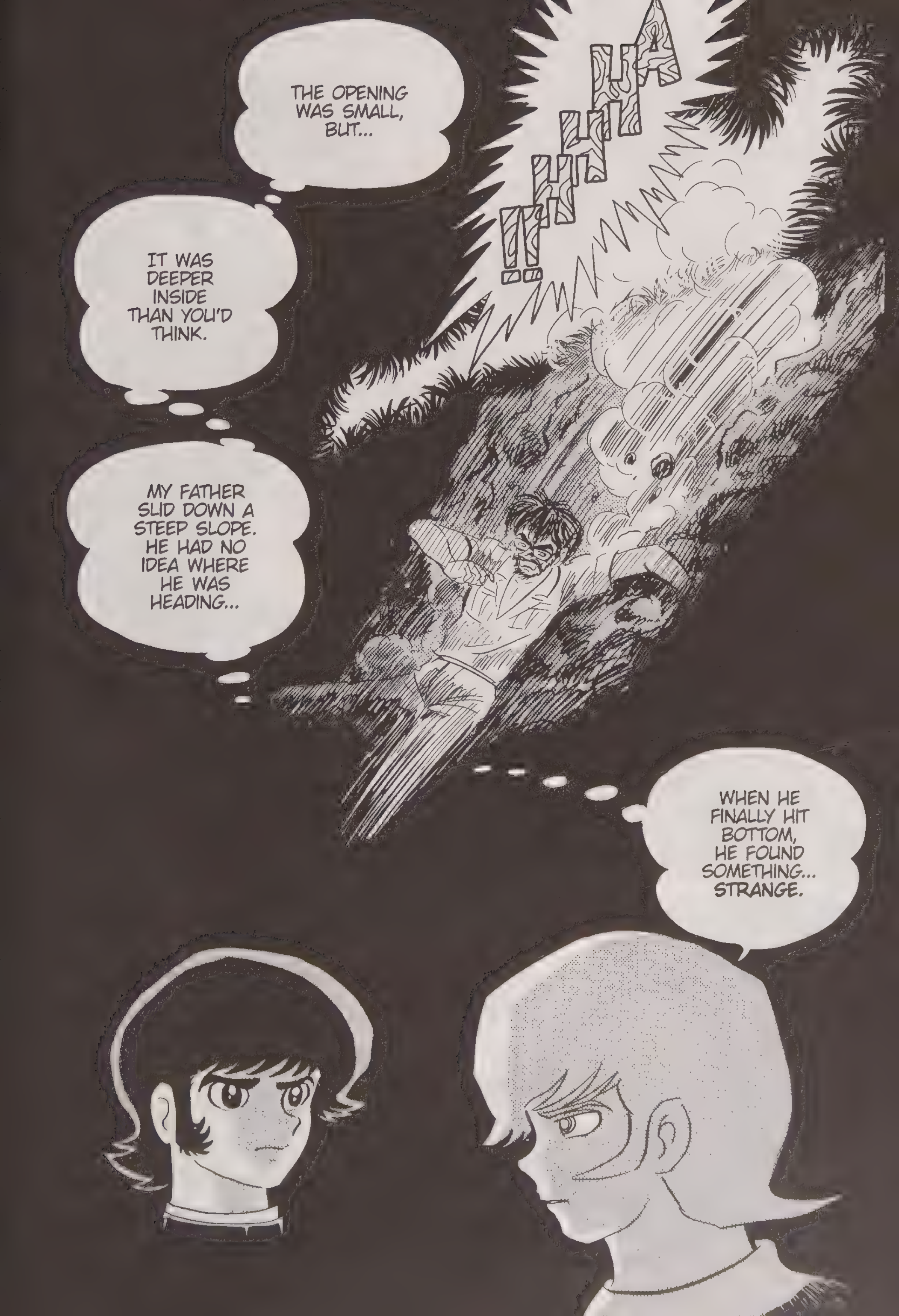
CHAK

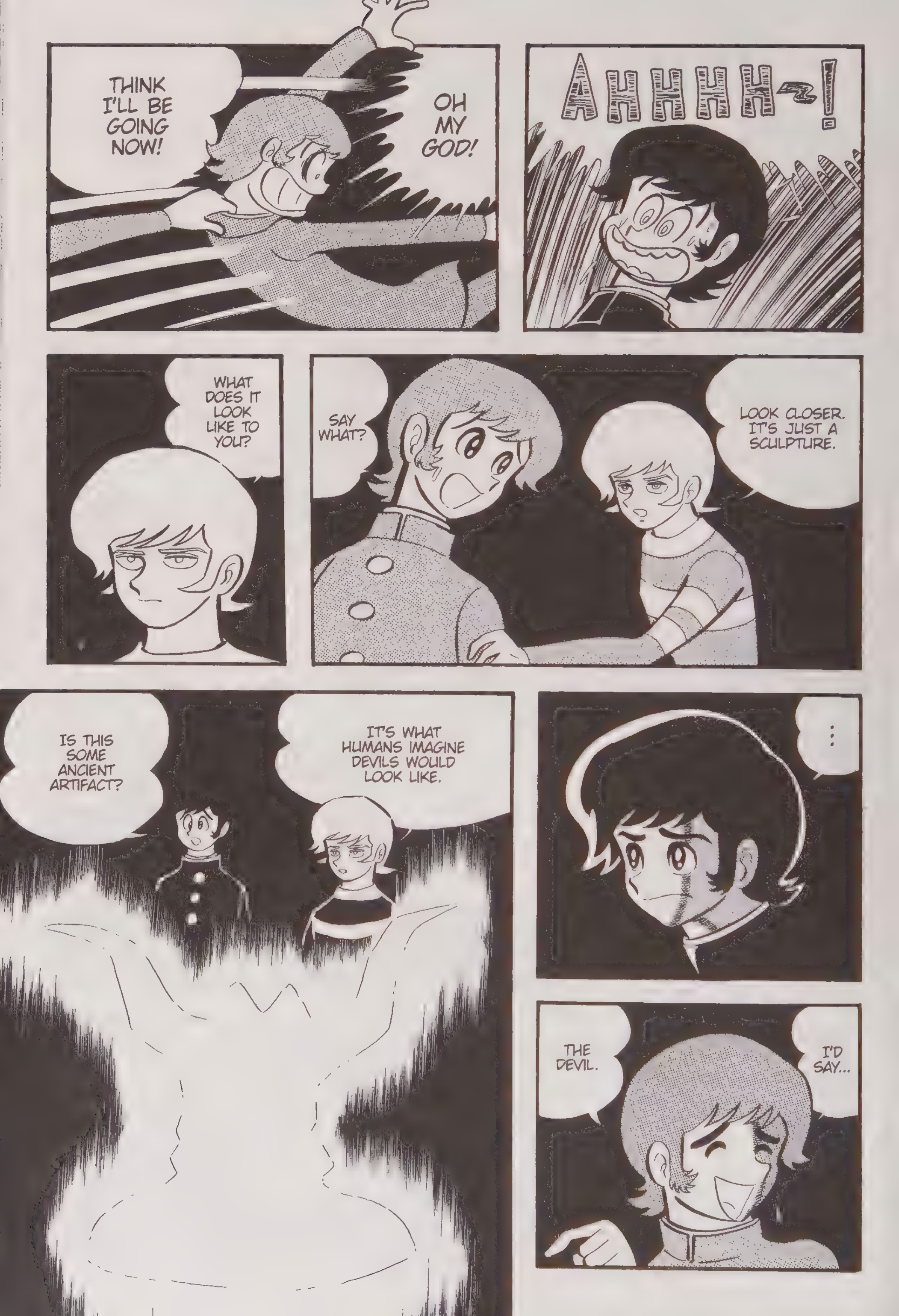

I ADMIT I'M AFRAID. BUT...
ASUKA RYO, I WON'T BETRAY YOUR TRUST.
I'M WITH YOU, TO HELL AND BACK.
CREEEAK
WHEN I SPOKE THOSE WORDS, I DIDN'T REALIZE JUST HOW CLOSE TO THE TRUTH I'D COME.
THROUGH THAT GATE WAS THE END OF THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF THE BOY CALLED FUDO AKIRA, AND THE END OF ALL HIS DREAMS. I'VE HEARD THE SOUND OF THAT CREAKING GATE ACROSS THE YEARS, EVER SINCE...

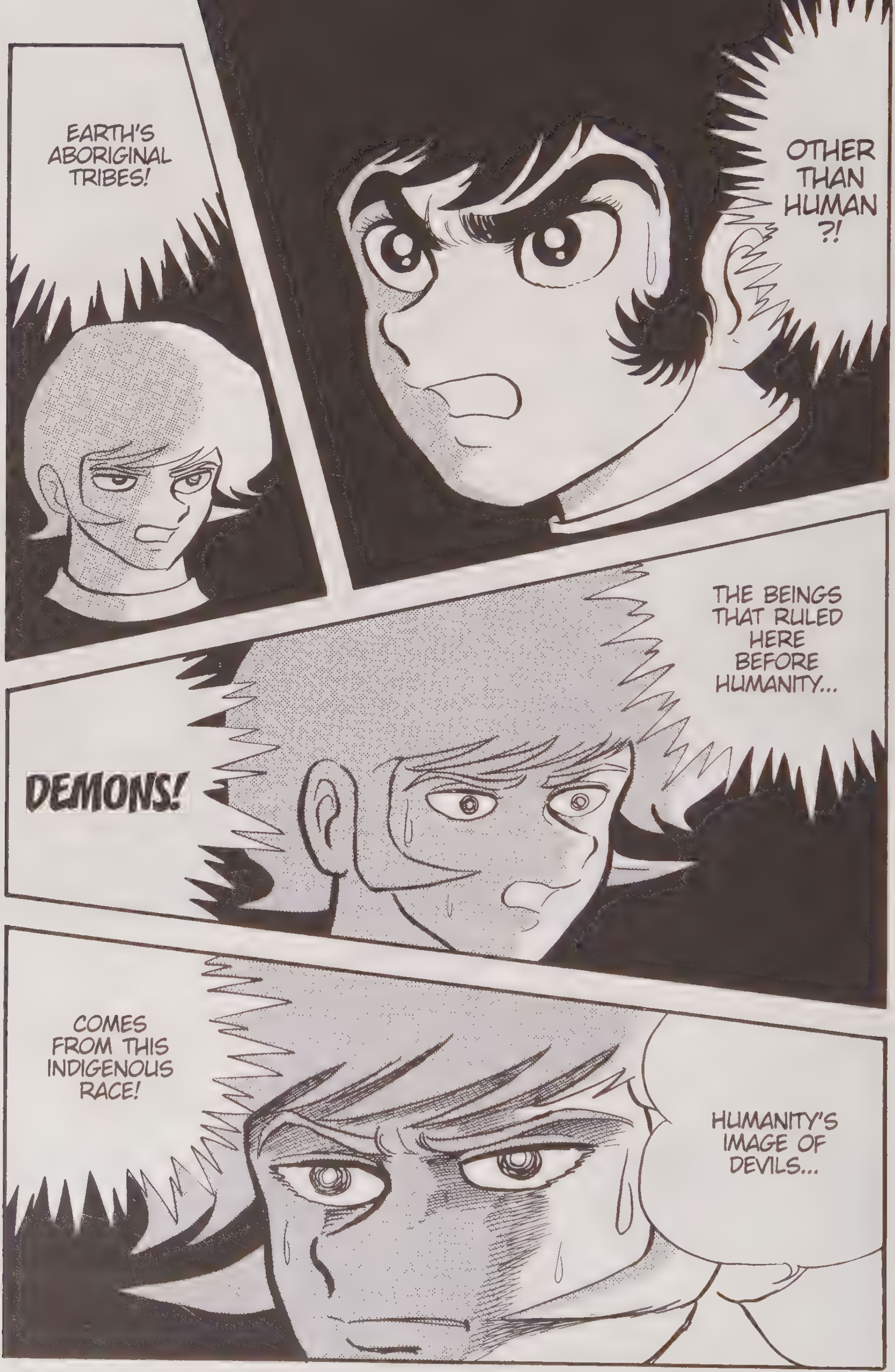

UH... ANYWAY...
WHAT'S THIS INHERITANCE?
POMF
I'LL SHOW YOU.
FOLLOW ME. MY FATHER'S RESEARCH ROOM.
I THINK MY FATHER CAME ACROSS THIS EXPLORING MAYAN RUINS.
WHEN HE WAS SEARCHING THROUGH THE JUNGLE, NEARBY...
HE SLIPPED AND FELL INTO A HOLE HIDDEN BY THE UNDERBRUSH.

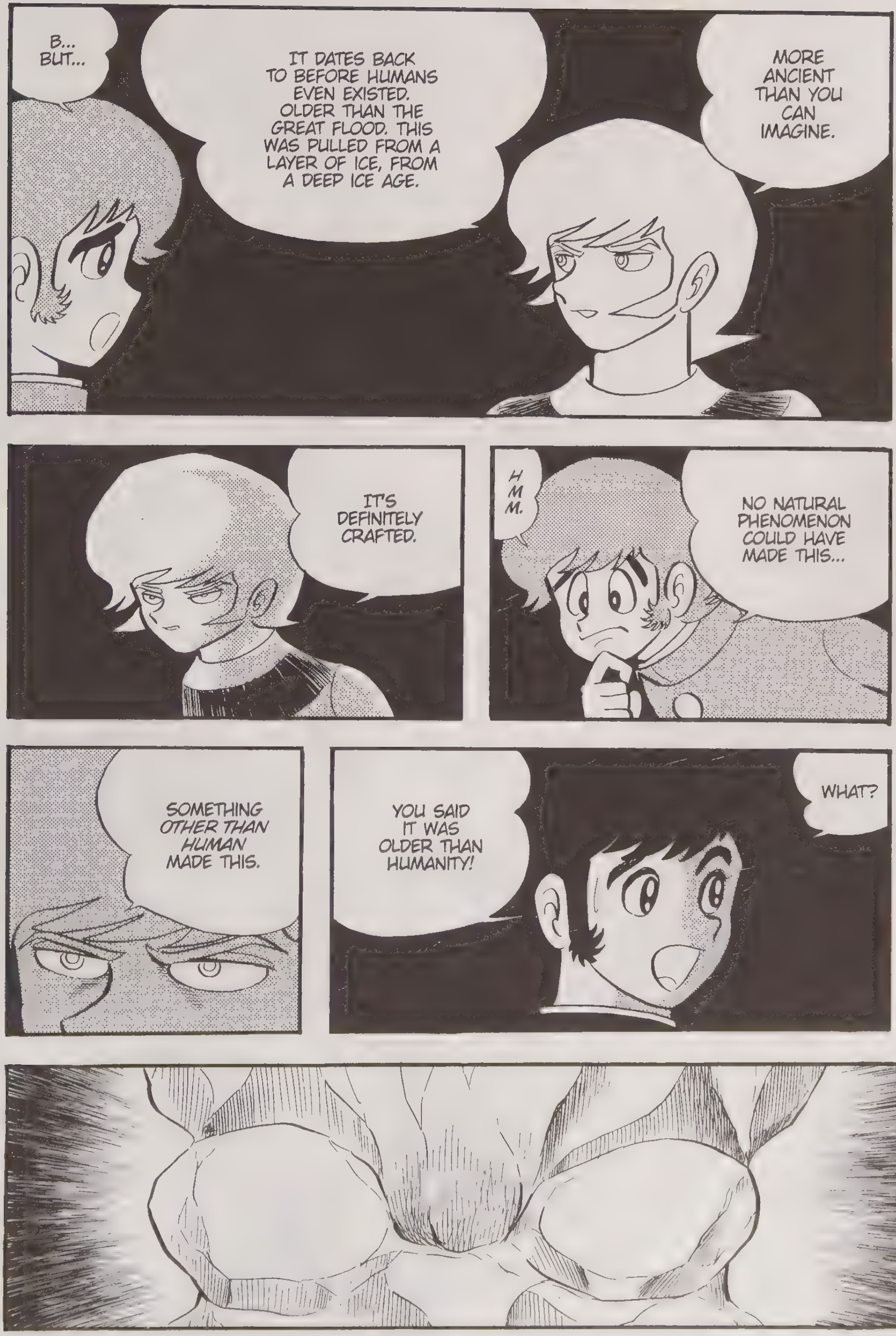

YOU KNOW MY DAD WAS AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?
OF COURSE!
PROFESSOR ASUKA WAS FAMOUS!
SINCE HE WAS AN ACADEMIC, I FIGURED HIS LIFE'D BE DULL AS DIRT. BUT LOOK AT HIM!
HERE HE IS WITH SOME HOT FOREIGN CHICK! ◇
THAT'S MY MOM.
WHOOPS!
AWKWARD...
AHA HA HA!

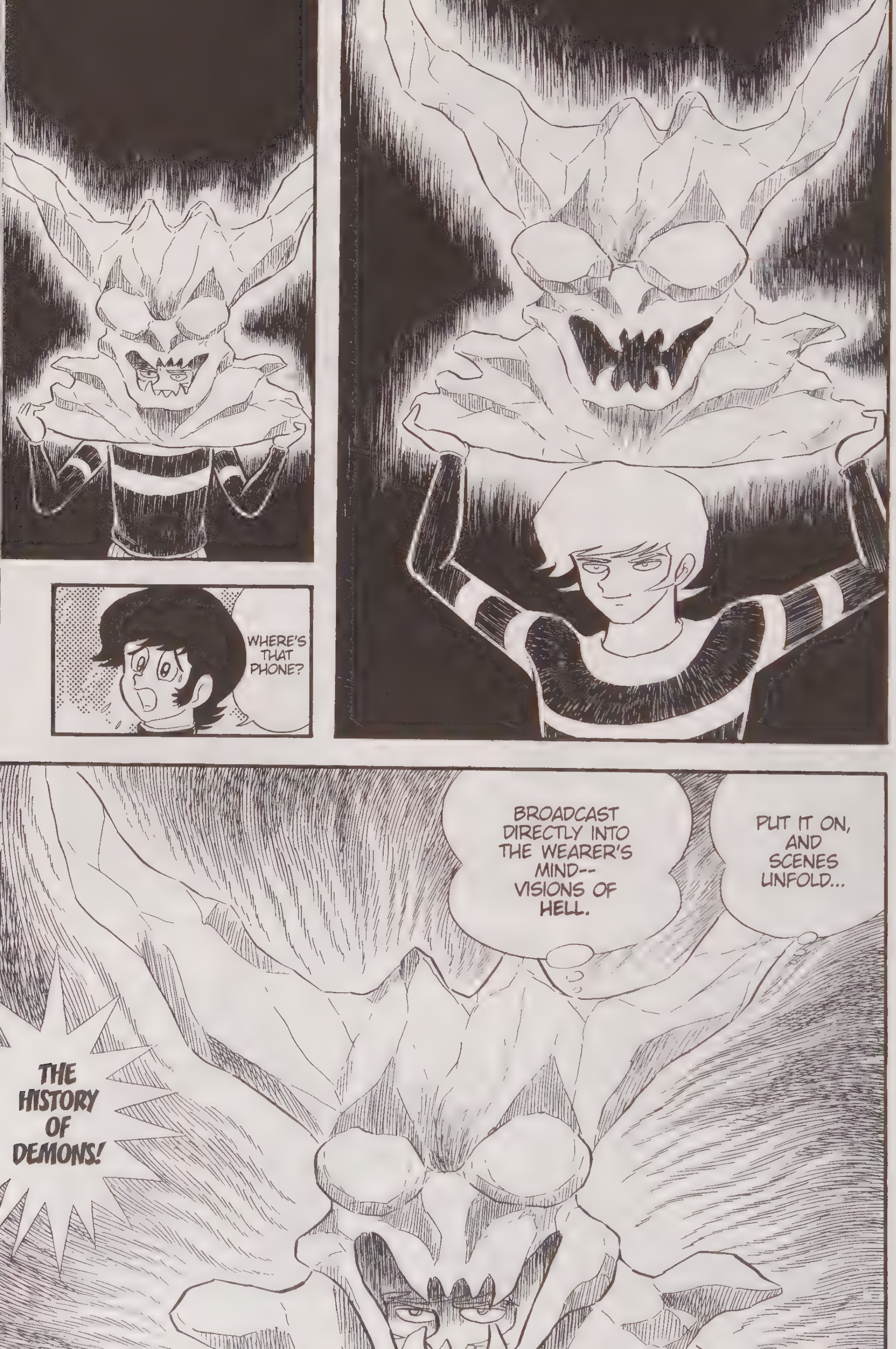

BA-TAM
HEY! I CAN'T SEE A THING! TURN ON THE LIGHTS!
YOU DON'T NEED LIGHTS TO SEE.
LOOK!

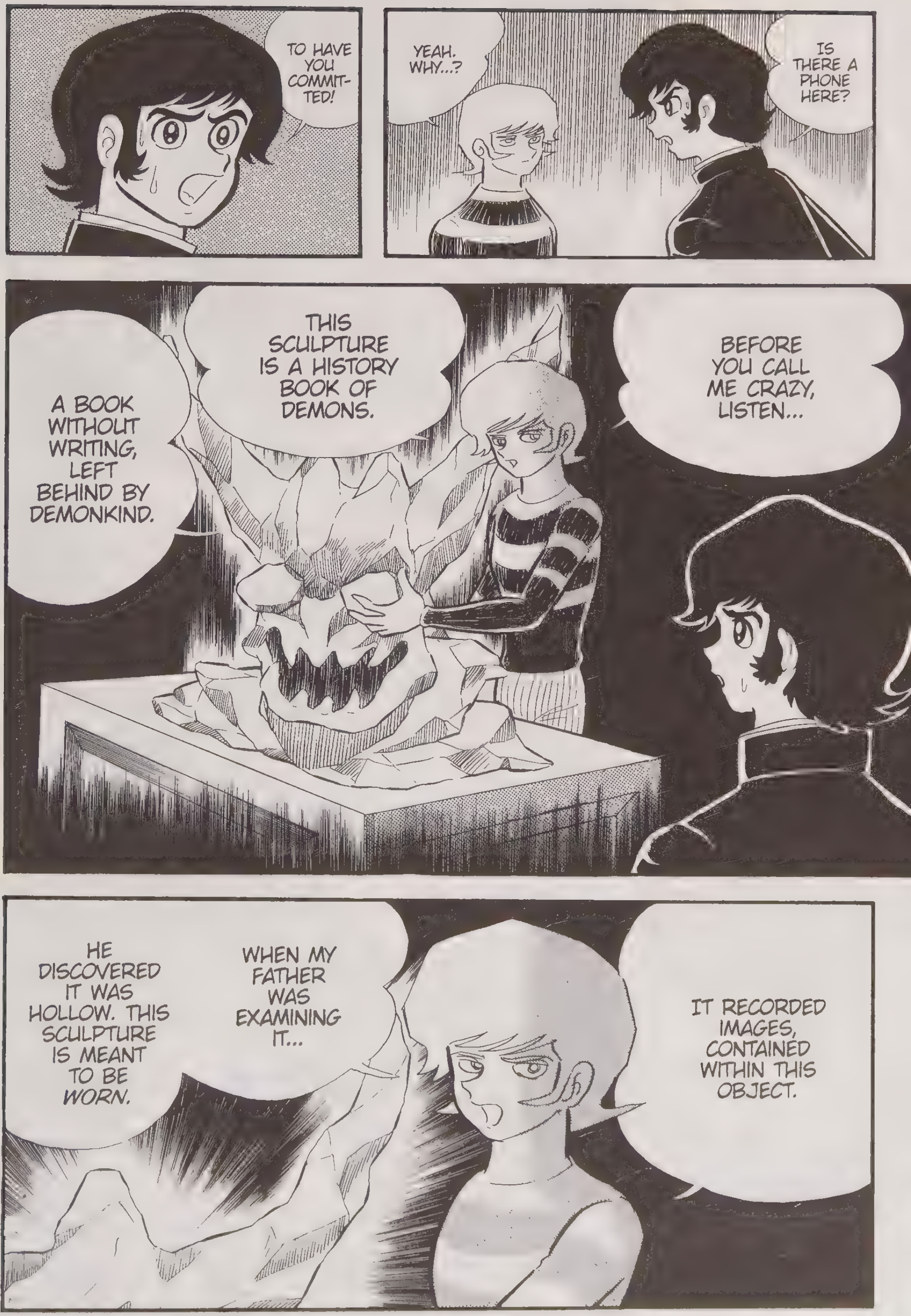

THE OPENING WAS SMALL, BUT...
IT WAS DEEPER INSIDE THAN YOU'D THINK.
AHHH!!
MY FATHER SLID DOWN A STEEP SLOPE. HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE HE WAS HEADING...
WHEN HE FINALLY HIT BOTTOM, HE FOUND SOMETHING... STRANGE.

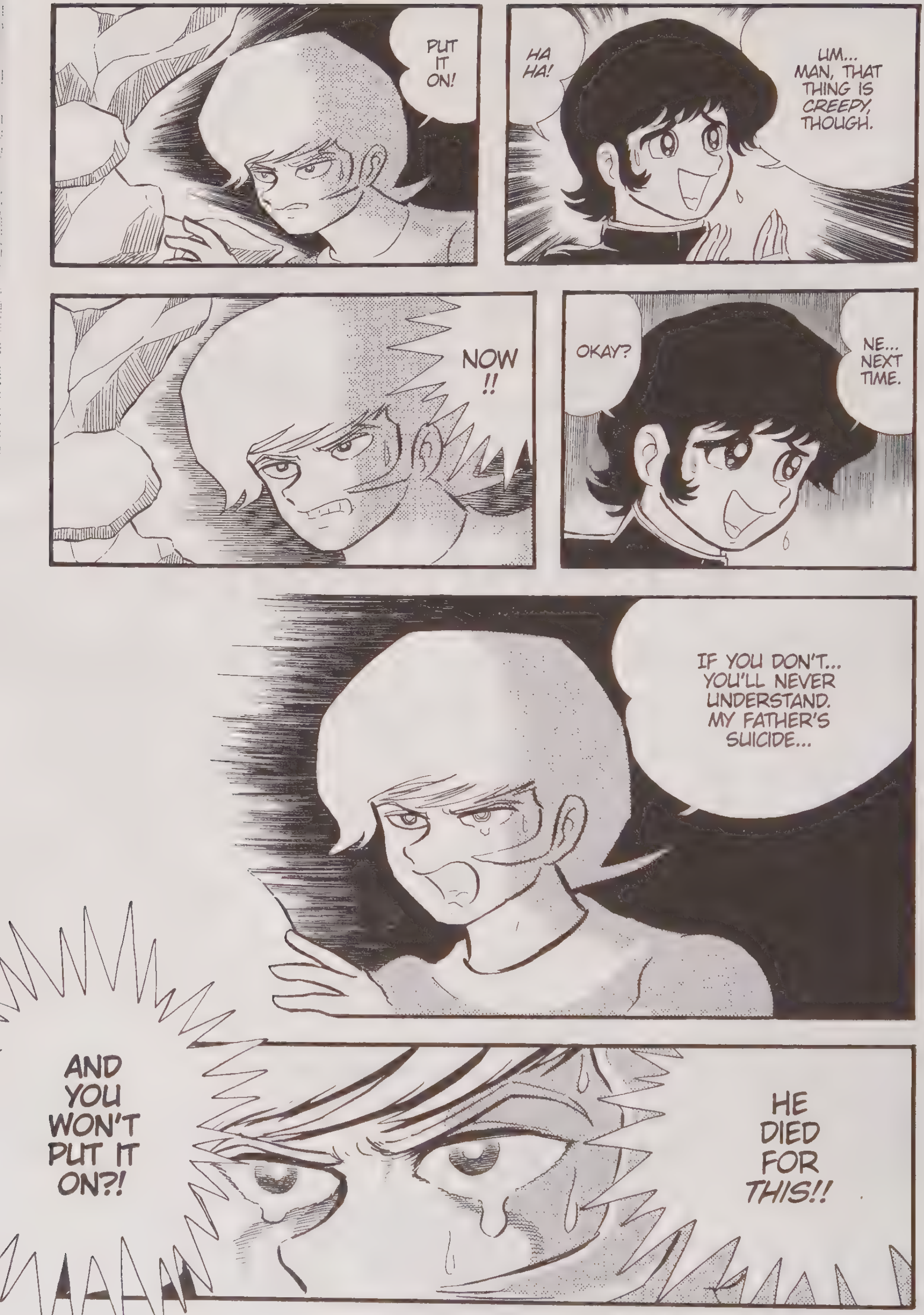

AHHHH~!
OH MY GOD!
THINK I'LL BE GOING NOW!
LOOK CLOSER. IT'S JUST A SCULPTURE.
SAY WHAT?
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
...
IT'S WHAT HUMANS IMAGINE DEVILS WOULD LOOK LIKE.
IS THIS SOME ANCIENT ARTIFACT?
I'D SAY...
THE DEVIL.

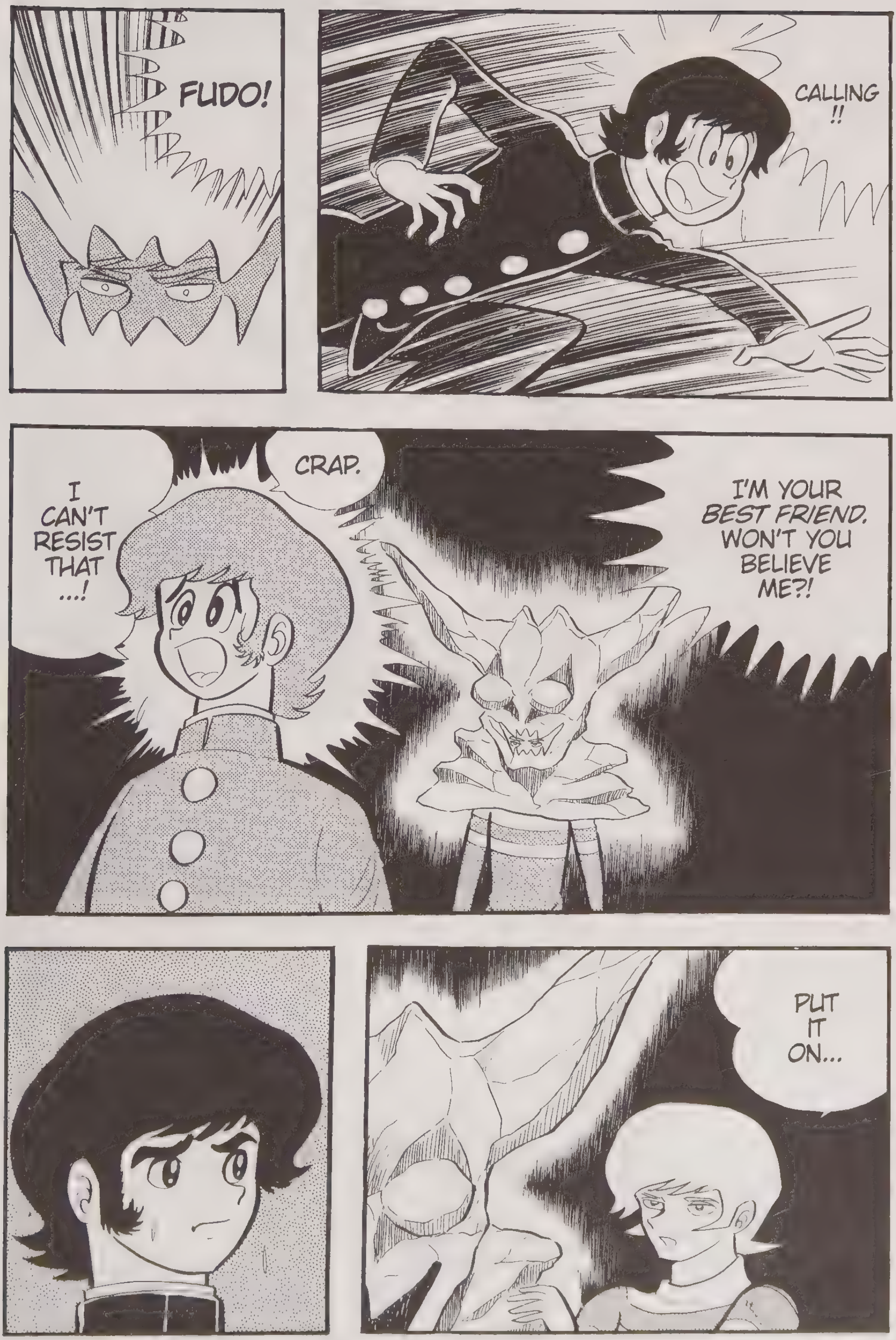

OTHER THAN HUMAN ?!
EARTH'S ABORIGINAL TRIBES!
THE BEINGS THAT RULED HERE BEFORE HUMANITY...
DEMONS!
HUMANITY'S IMAGE OF DEVILS...
COMES FROM THIS INDIGENOUS RACE!

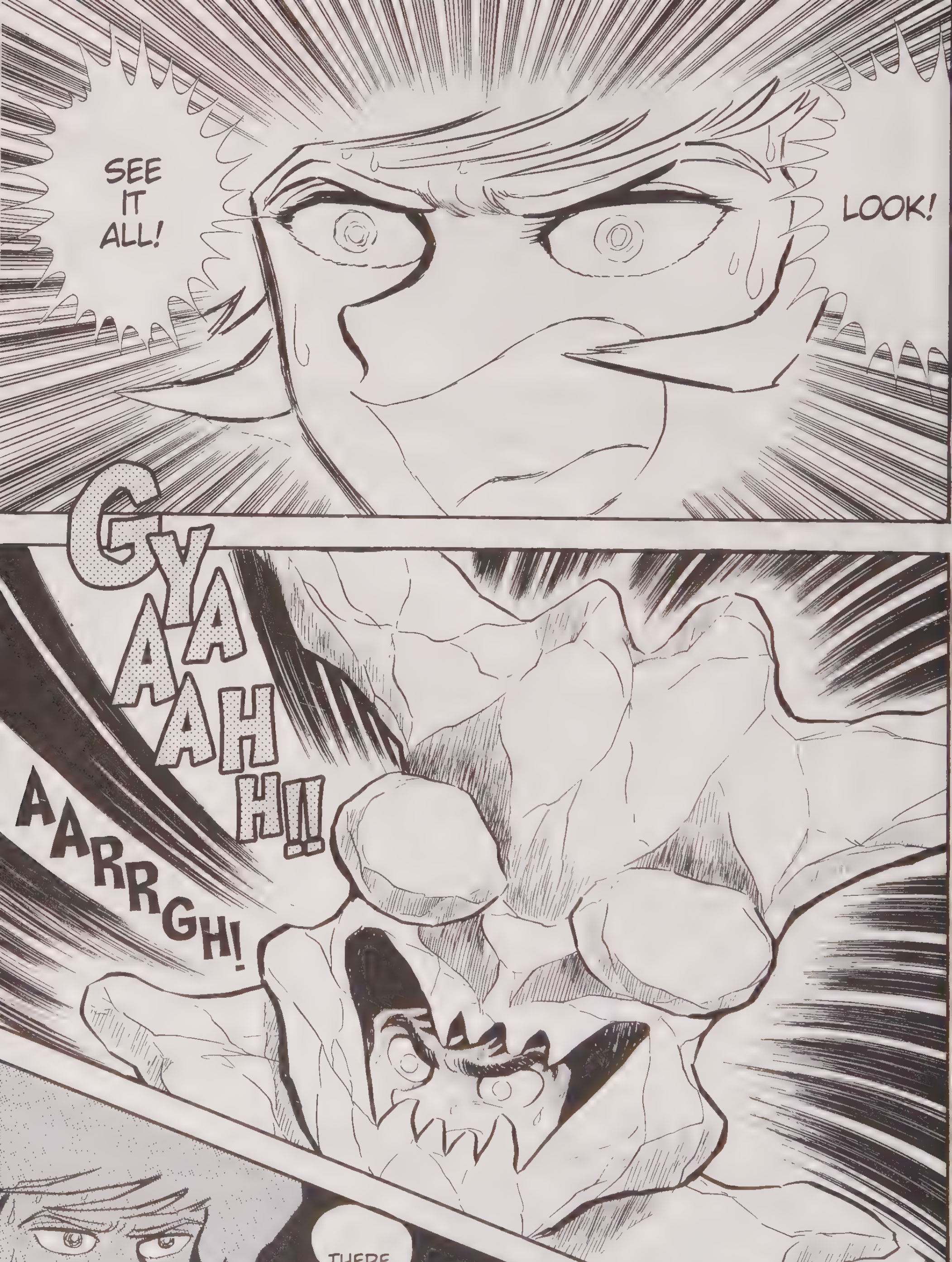

MORE ANCIENT THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
IT DATES BACK TO BEFORE HUMANS EVEN EXISTED. OLDER THAN THE GREAT FLOOD. THIS WAS PULLED FROM A LAYER OF ICE, FROM A DEEP ICE AGE.
B... BUT...
NO NATURAL PHENOMENON COULD HAVE MADE THIS...
HMM.
IT'S DEFINITELY CRAFTED.
WHAT?
YOU SAID IT WAS OLDER THAN HUMANITY!
SOMETHING *OTHER THAN HUMAN* MADE THIS.

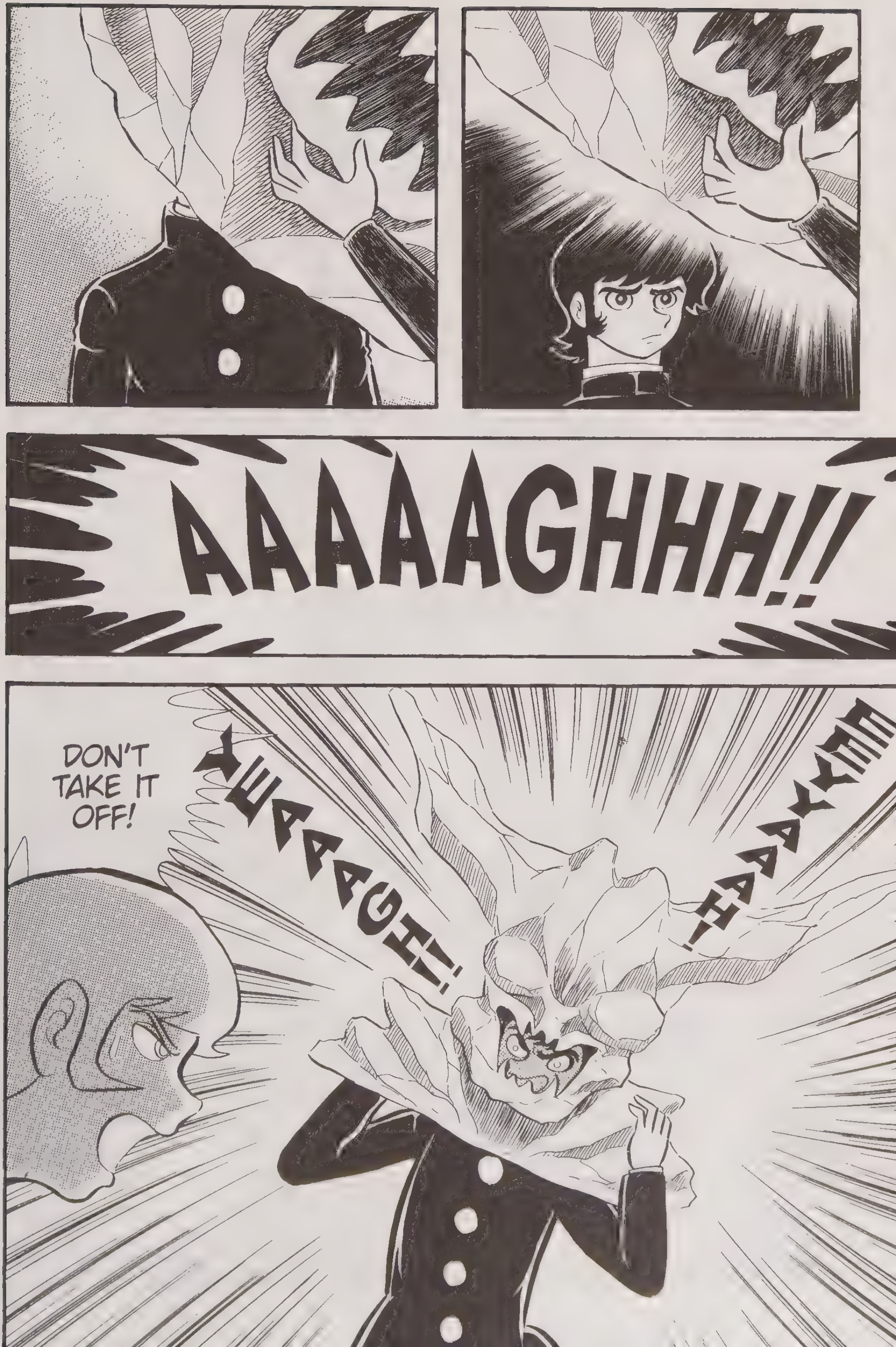

WHERE'S THAT PHONE?
PUT IT ON, AND SCENES UNFOLD...
BROADCAST DIRECTLY INTO THE WEARER'S MIND-- VISIONS OF HELL.
THE HISTORY OF DEMONS!

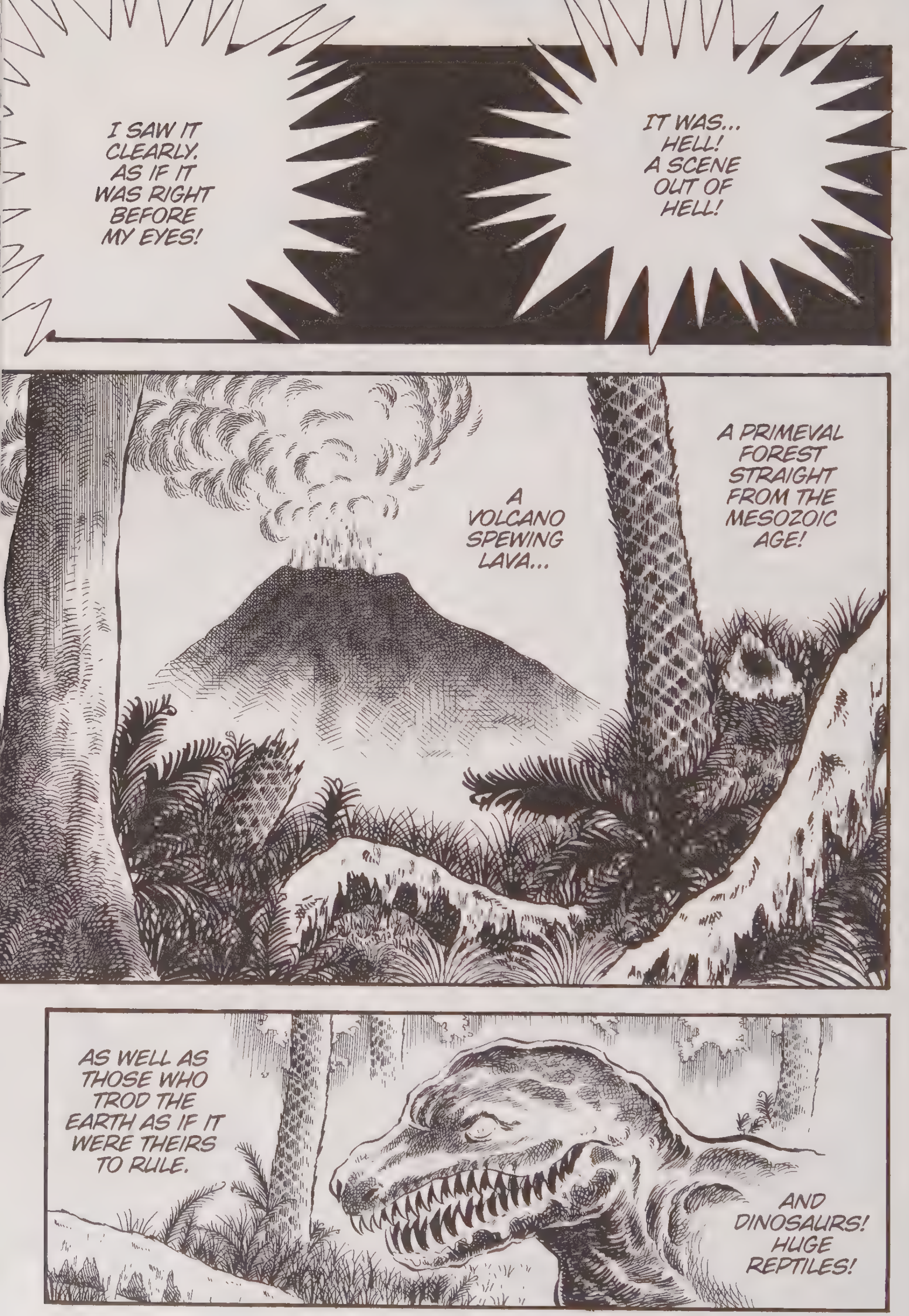

IS THERE A PHONE HERE?
YEAH. WHY...?
TO HAVE YOU COMMIT-TED!
BEFORE YOU CALL ME CRAZY, LISTEN...
THIS SCULPTURE IS A HISTORY BOOK OF DEMONS.
A BOOK WITHOUT WRITING, LEFT BEHIND BY DEMONKIND.
IT RECORDED IMAGES, CONTAINED WITHIN THIS OBJECT.
WHEN MY FATHER WAS EXAMINING IT...
HE DISCOVERED IT WAS HOLLOW. THIS SCULPTURE IS MEANT TO BE *WORN.*

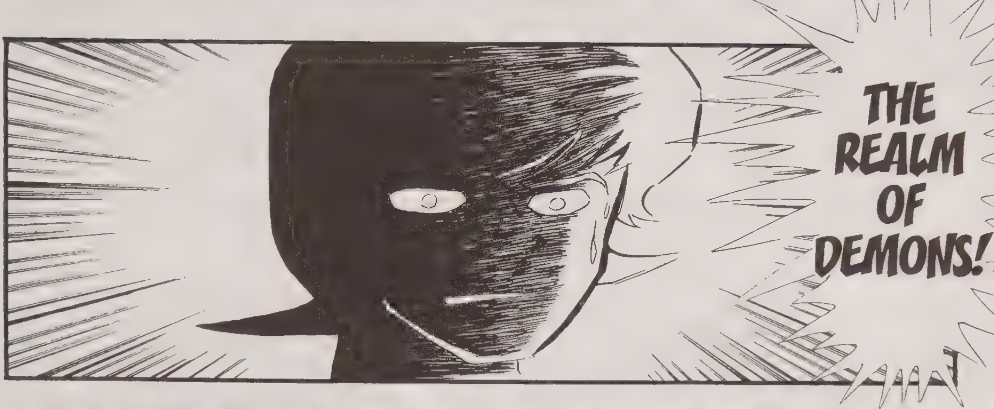

PUT IT ON!
HA HA!
UM... MAN, THAT THING IS CREEPY, THOUGH.
NOW!!
OKAY?
NE... NEXT TIME.
IF YOU DON'T... YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND. MY FATHER'S SUICIDE...
AND YOU WON'T PUT IT ON?!
HE DIED FOR *THIS!!*

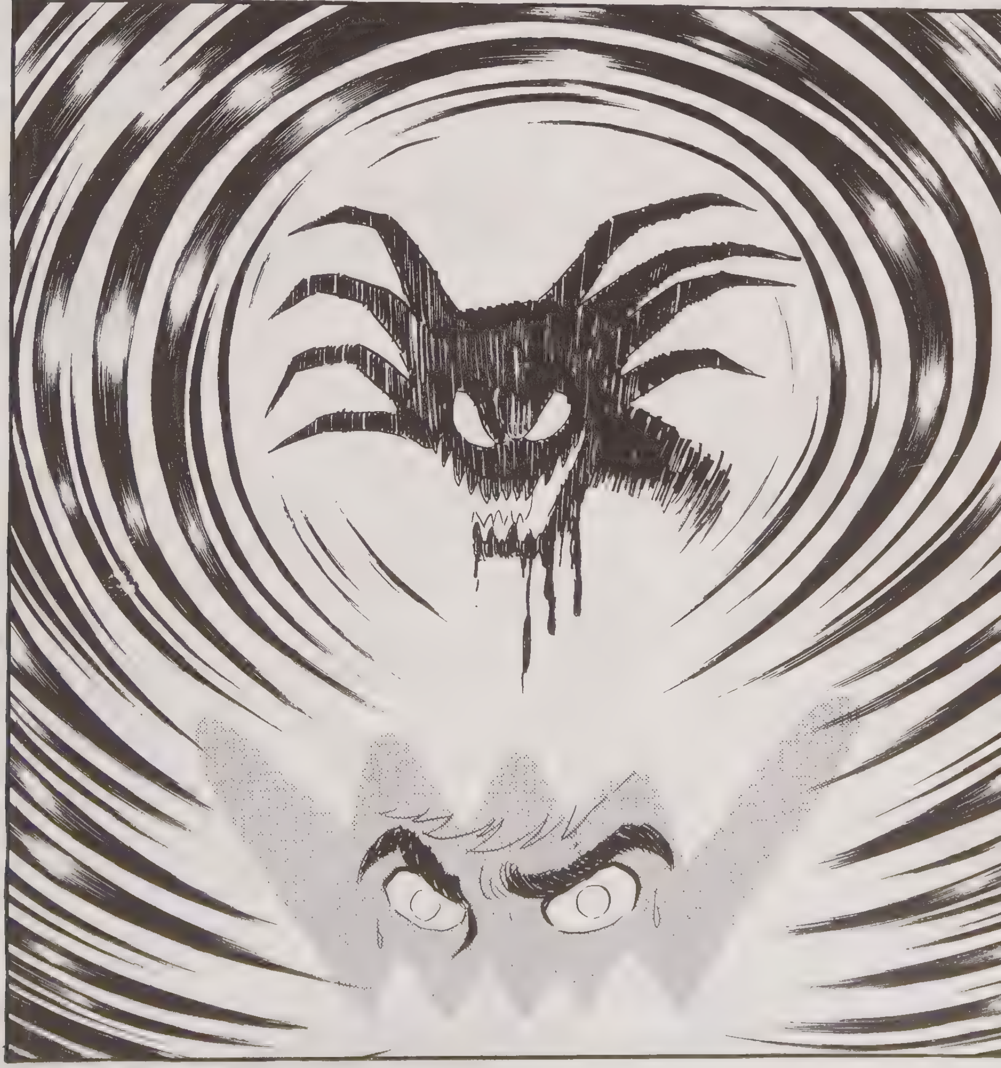

CALLING !!
FUDO!
I'M YOUR *BEST FRIEND.* WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?!
CRAP.
I CAN'T RESIST THAT ...!
PUT IT ON...

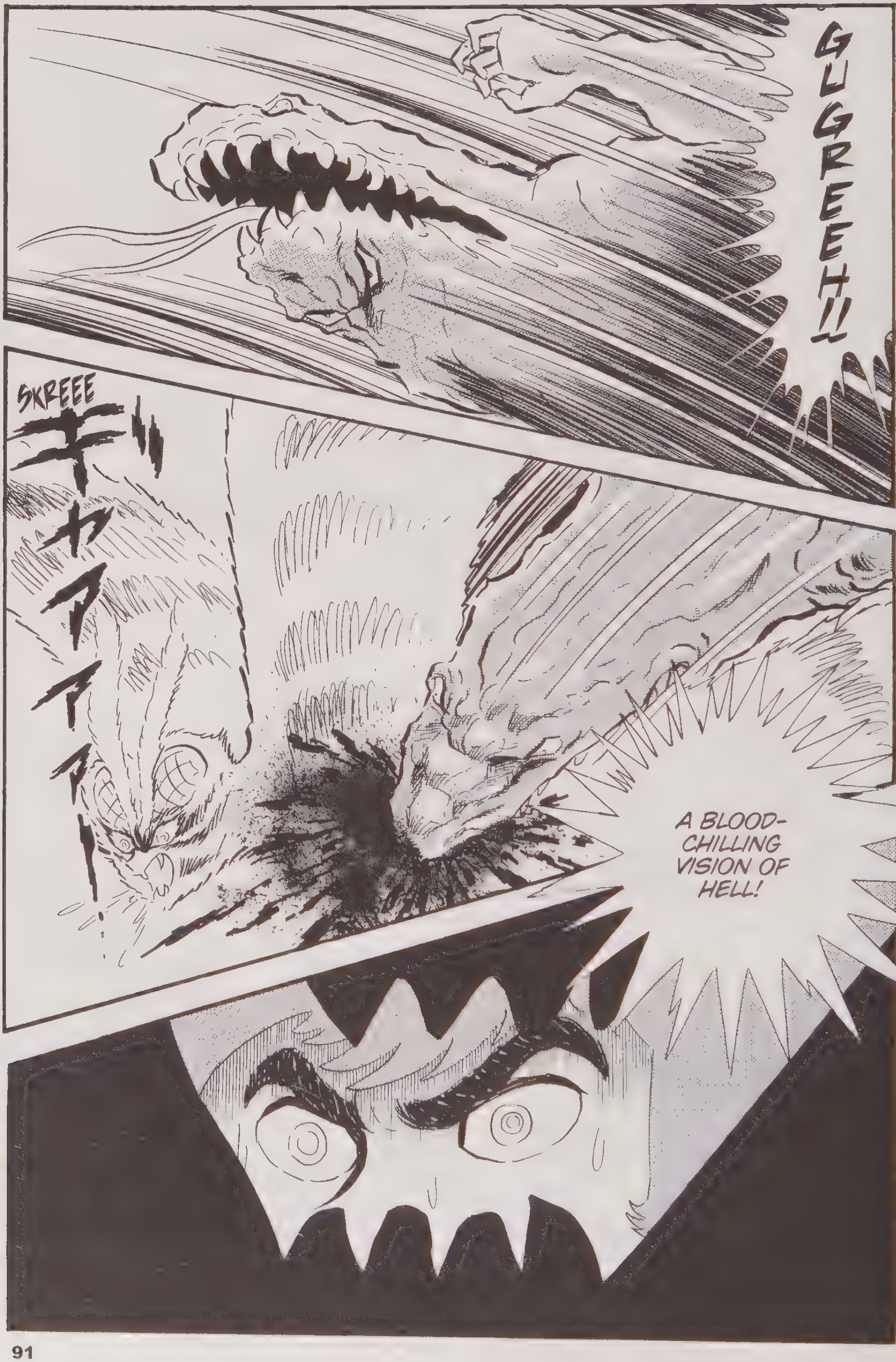

LOOK!
SEE IT ALL!
GYAAAAHH!!
AARRGH!
THERE.

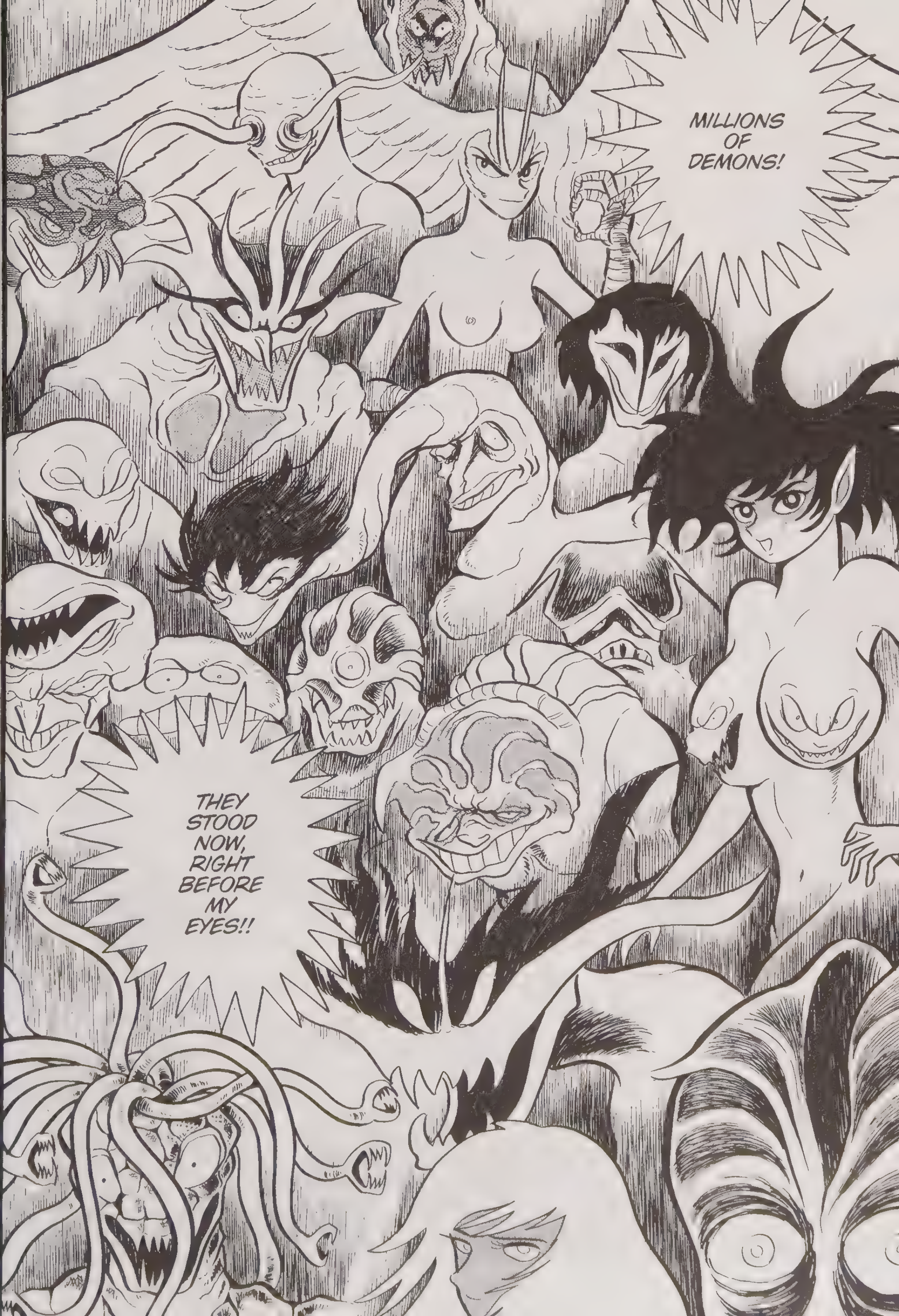

AAAAAGHHH!!
EEYYAAAH!
YEAAAGH!!
DON'T TAKE IT OFF!

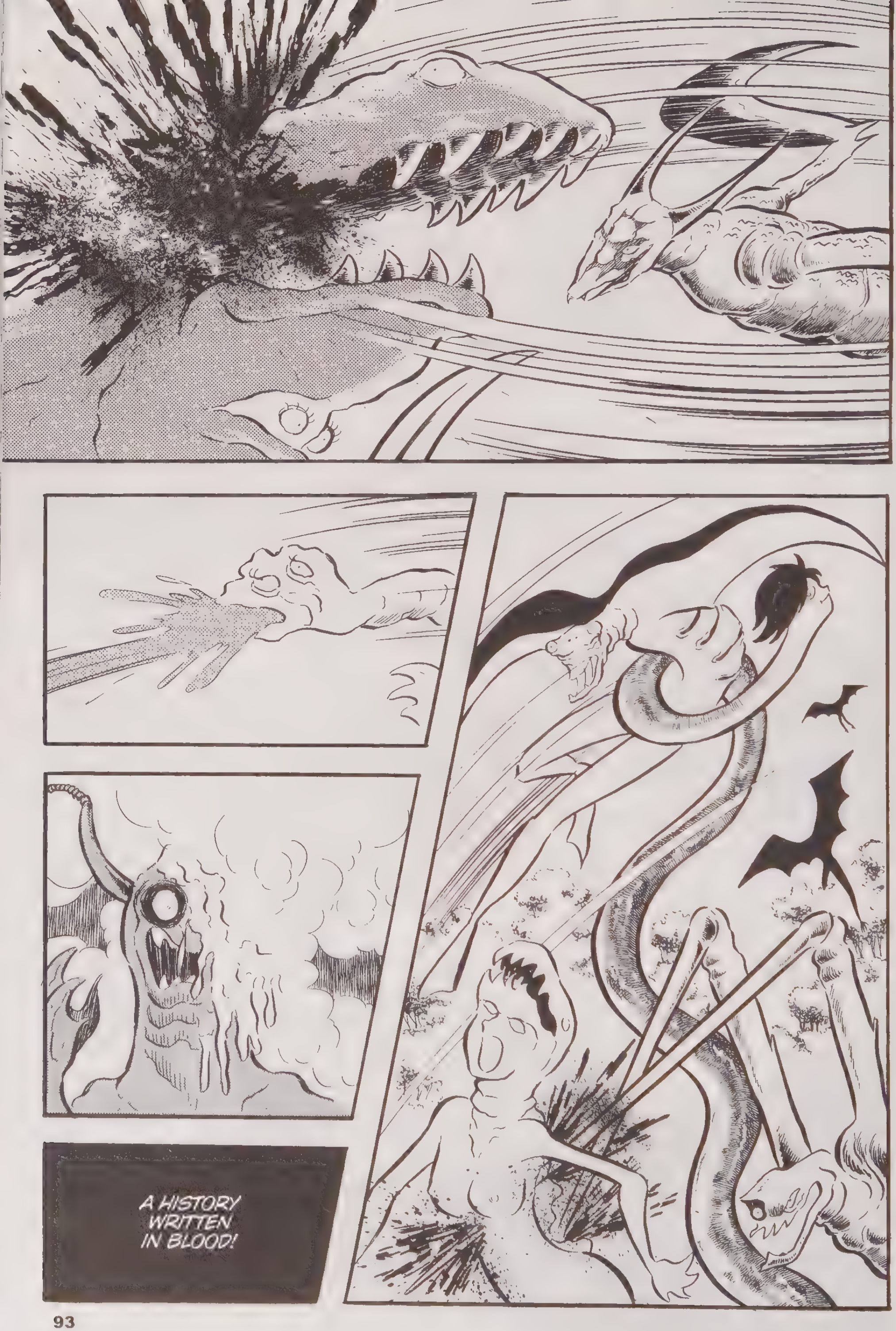

I SAW IT CLEARLY. AS IF IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
IT WAS... HELL! A SCENE OUT OF HELL!
A VOLCANO SPEWING LAVA...
A PRIMEVAL FOREST STRAIGHT FROM THE MESOZOIC AGE!
AS WELL AS THOSE WHO TROD THE EARTH AS IF IT WERE THEIRS TO RULE.
AND DINOSAURS! HUGE REPTILES!

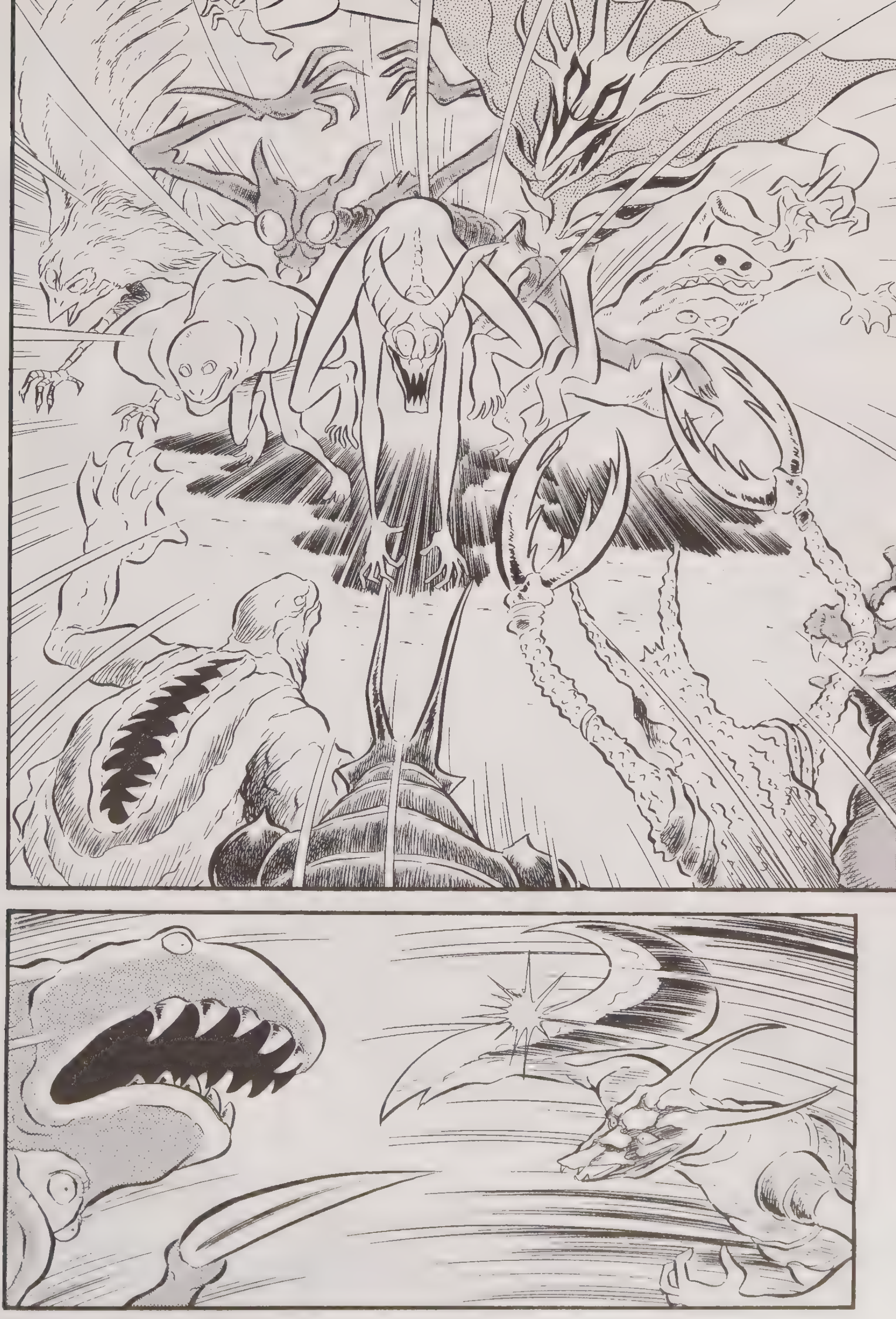

THE REALM OF DEMONS!

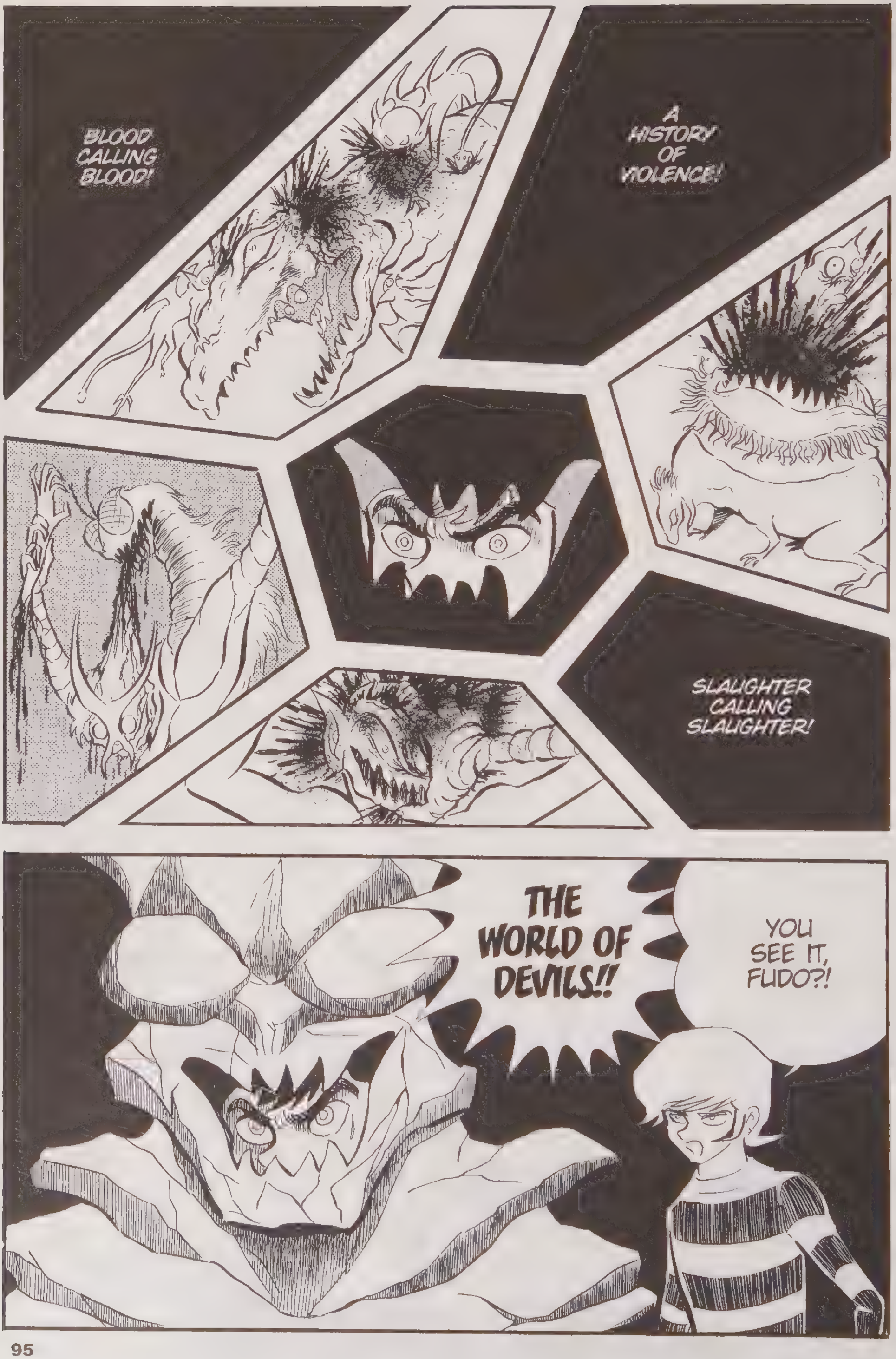


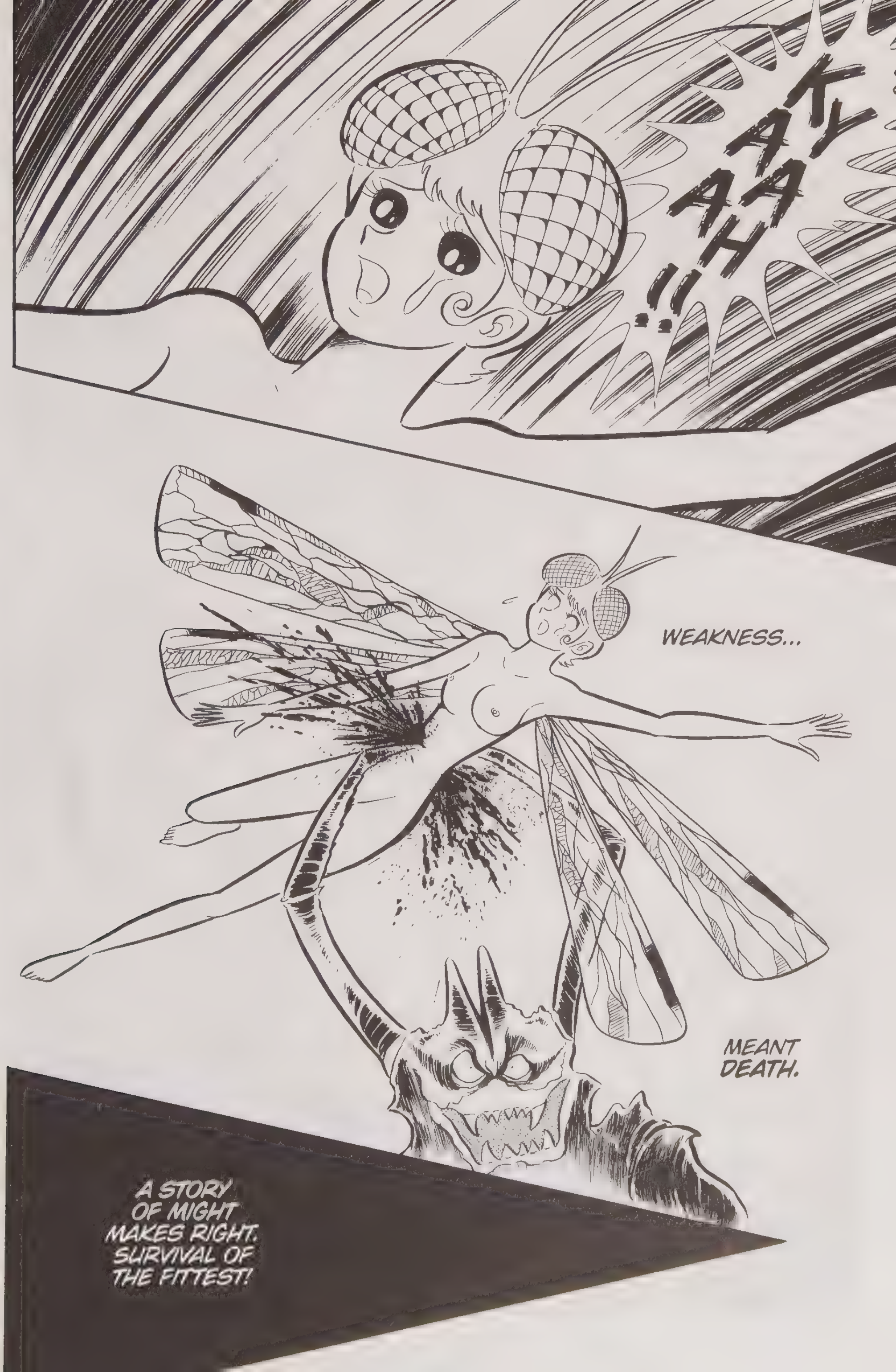

GUGREEEH!!
SKREEE
ギャアアアー!
A BLOOD-CHILLING VISION OF HELL!

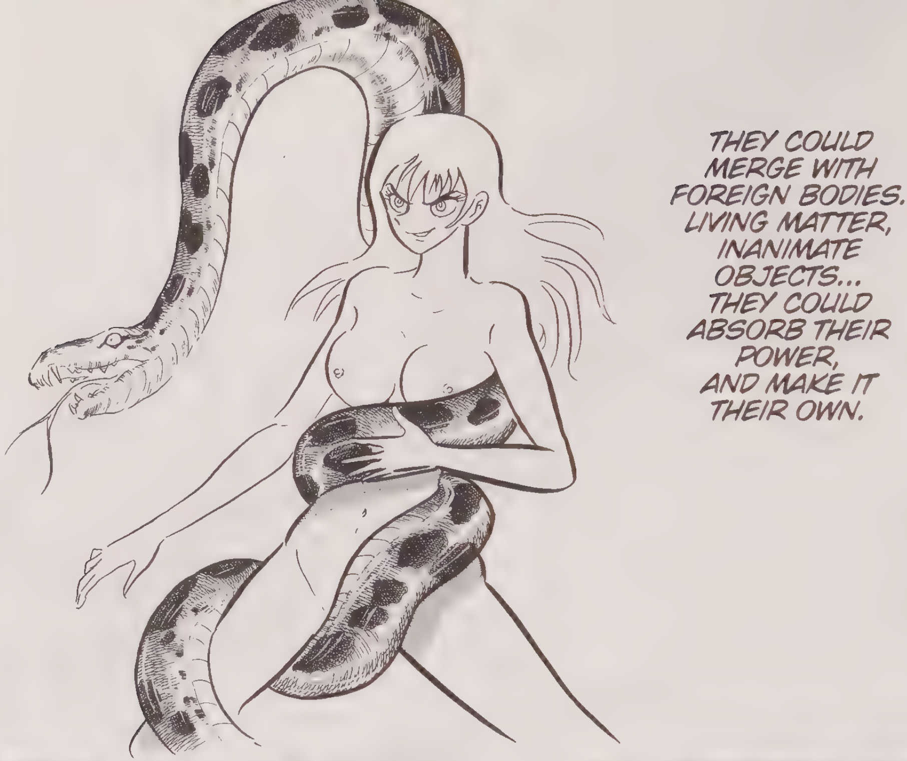

MILLIONS OF DEMONS!
THEY STOOD NOW, RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!!

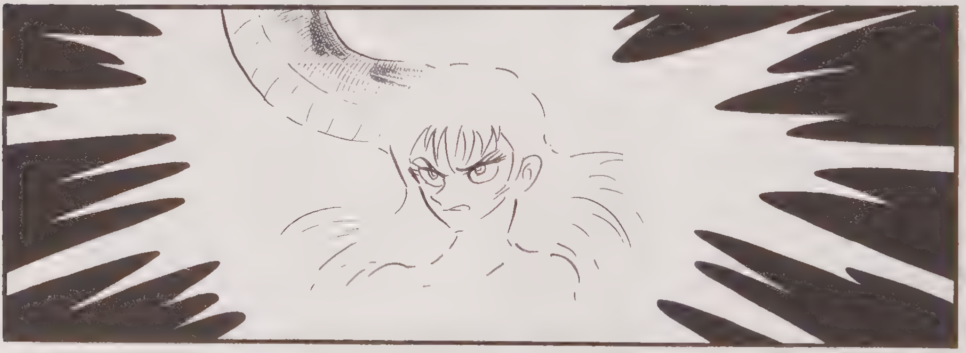

A HISTORY WRITTEN IN BLOOD!

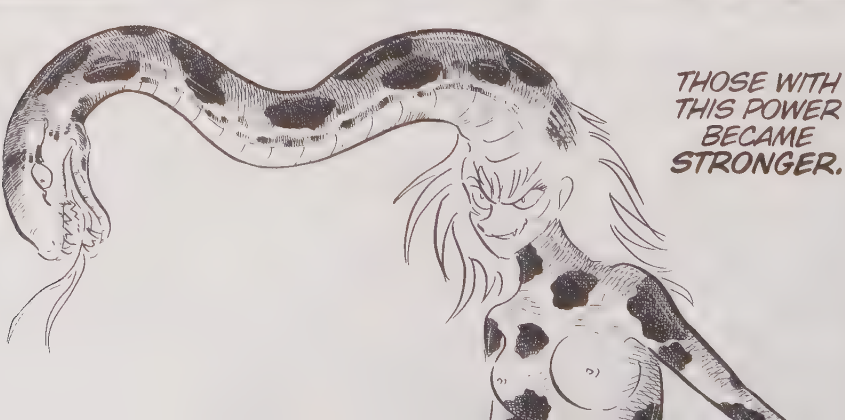


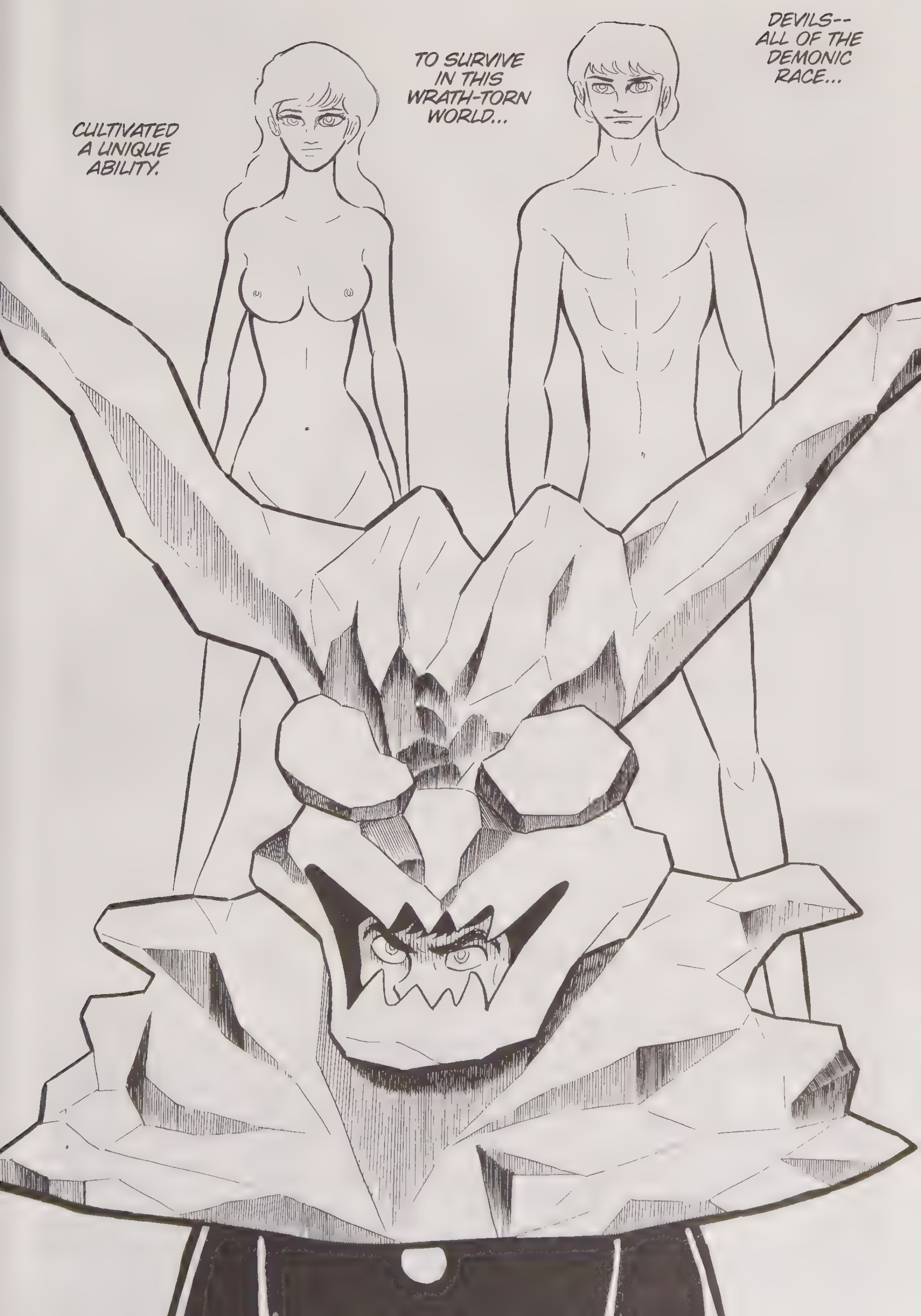

BLOOD CALLING BLOOD!
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE!
SLAUGHTER CALLING SLAUGHTER!
YOU SEE IT, FUDO?!
THE WORLD OF DEVILS!!

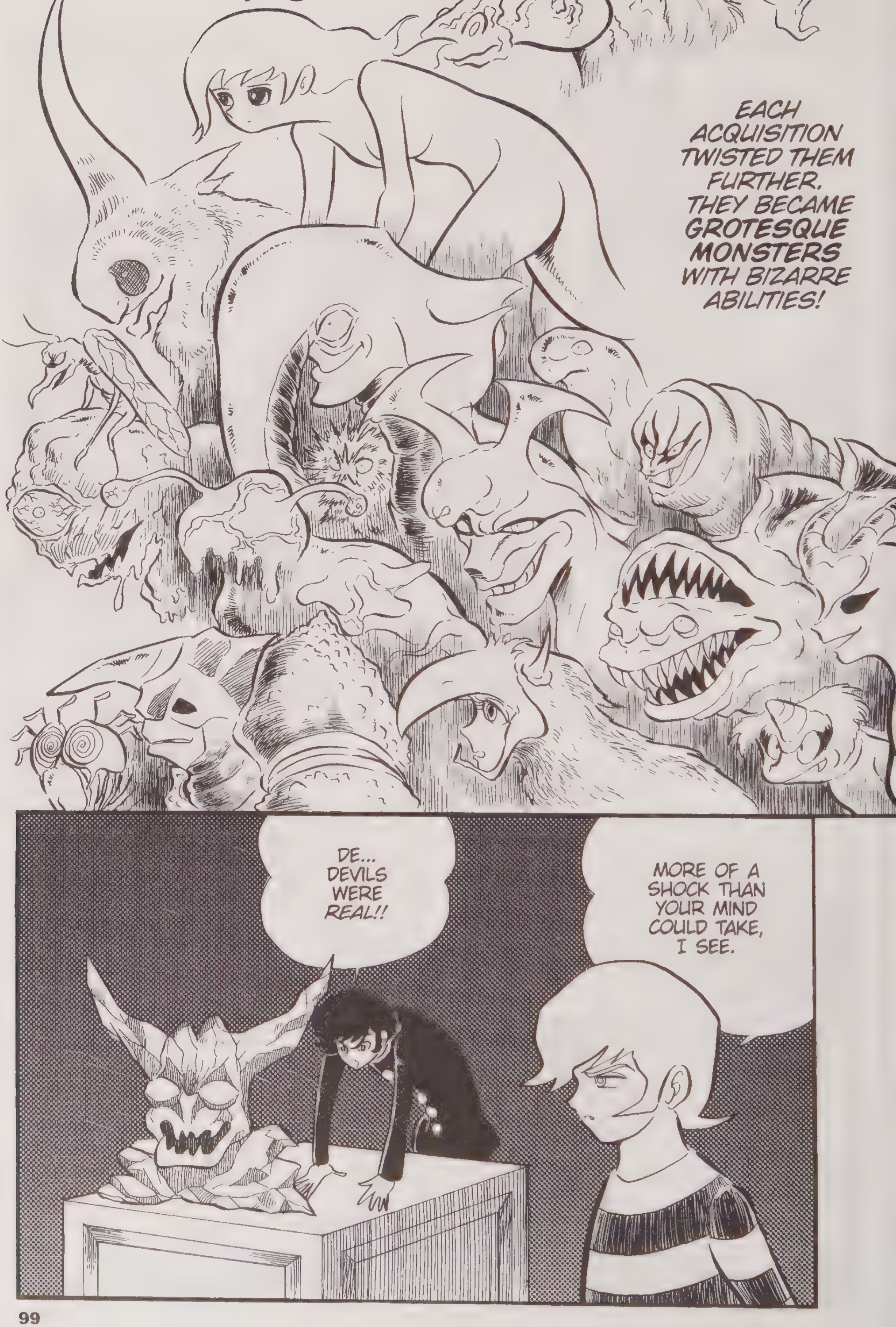

KYAAAH!!
WEAKNESS...
MEANT DEATH.
A STORY OF MIGHT MAKES RIGHT. SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST!

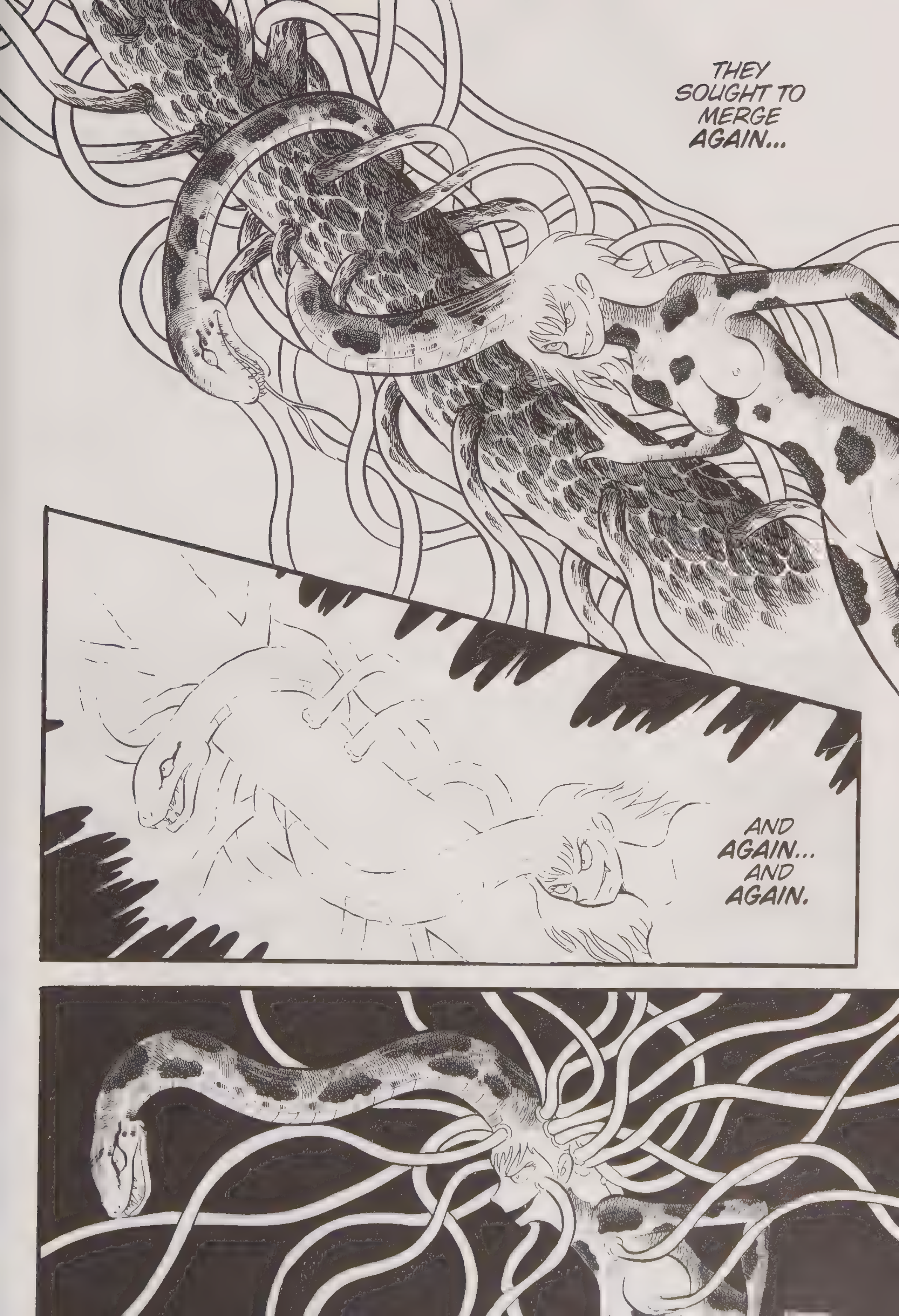

THEY COULD MERGE WITH FOREIGN BODIES. LIVING MATTER, INANIMATE OBJECTS... THEY COULD ABSORB THEIR POWER, AND MAKE IT THEIR OWN.

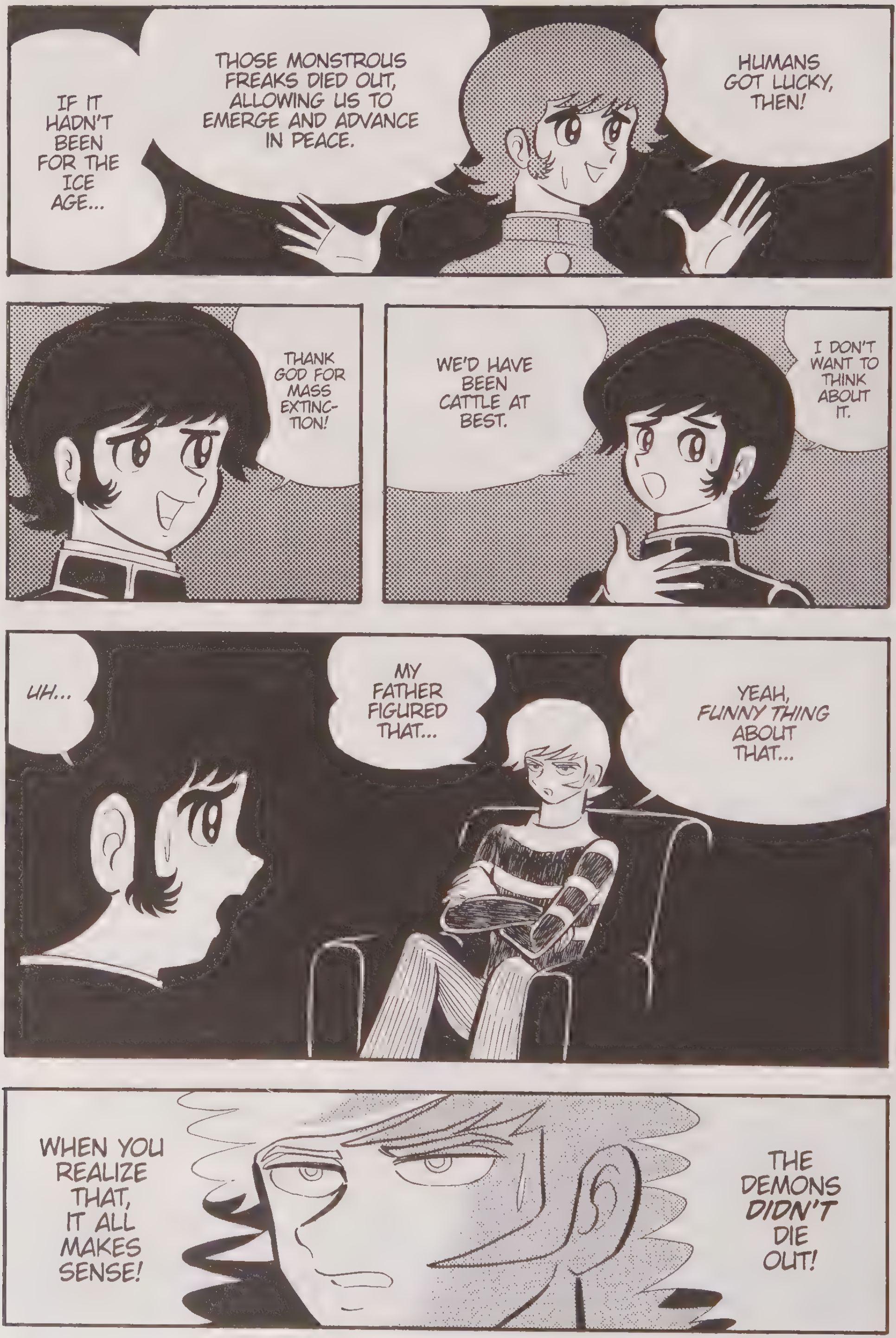


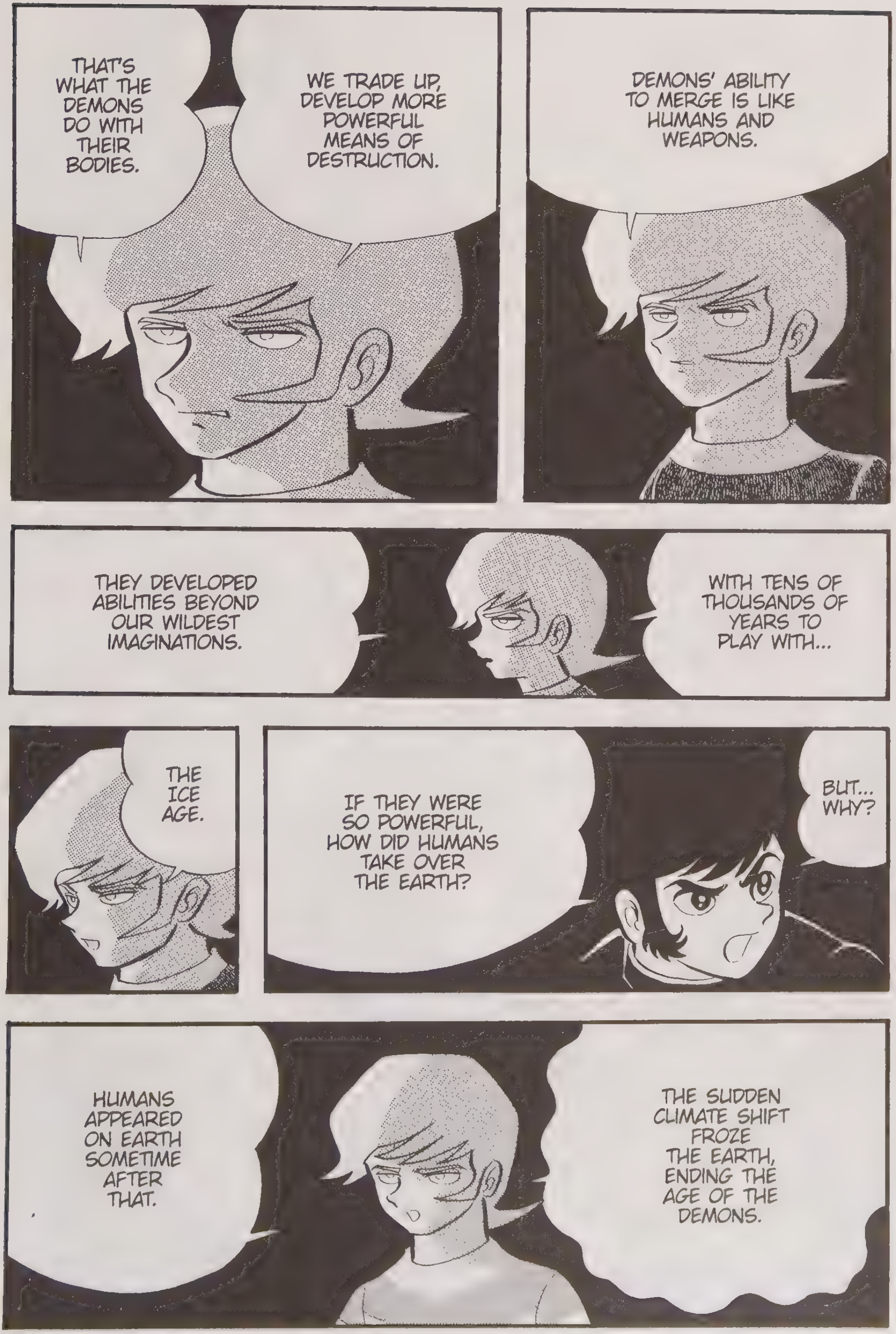

THOSE WITH THIS POWER BECAME STRONGER.

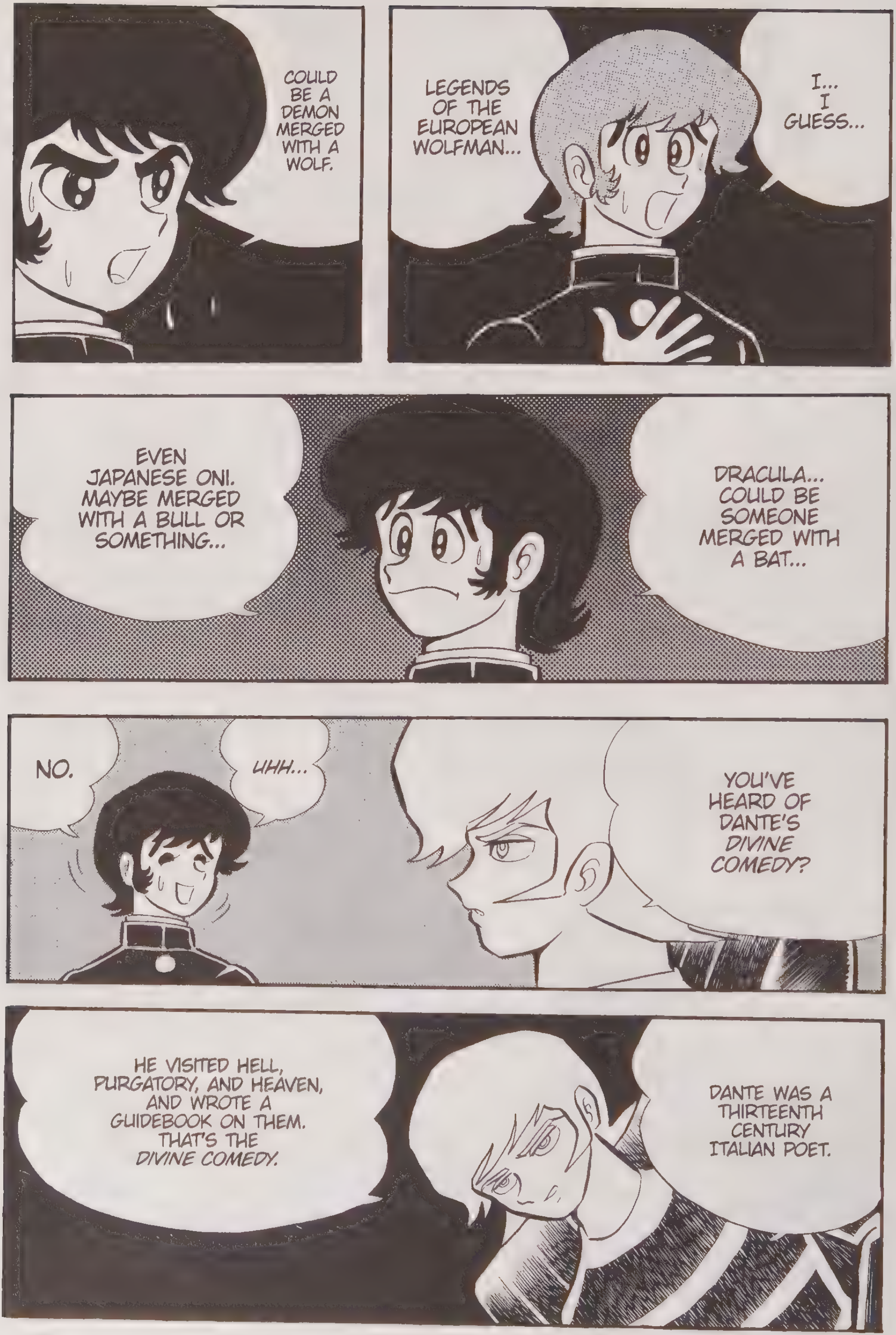

DEVILS-- ALL OF THE DEMONIC RACE...
TO SURVIVE IN THIS WRATH-TORN WORLD...
CULTIVATED A UNIQUE ABILITY.

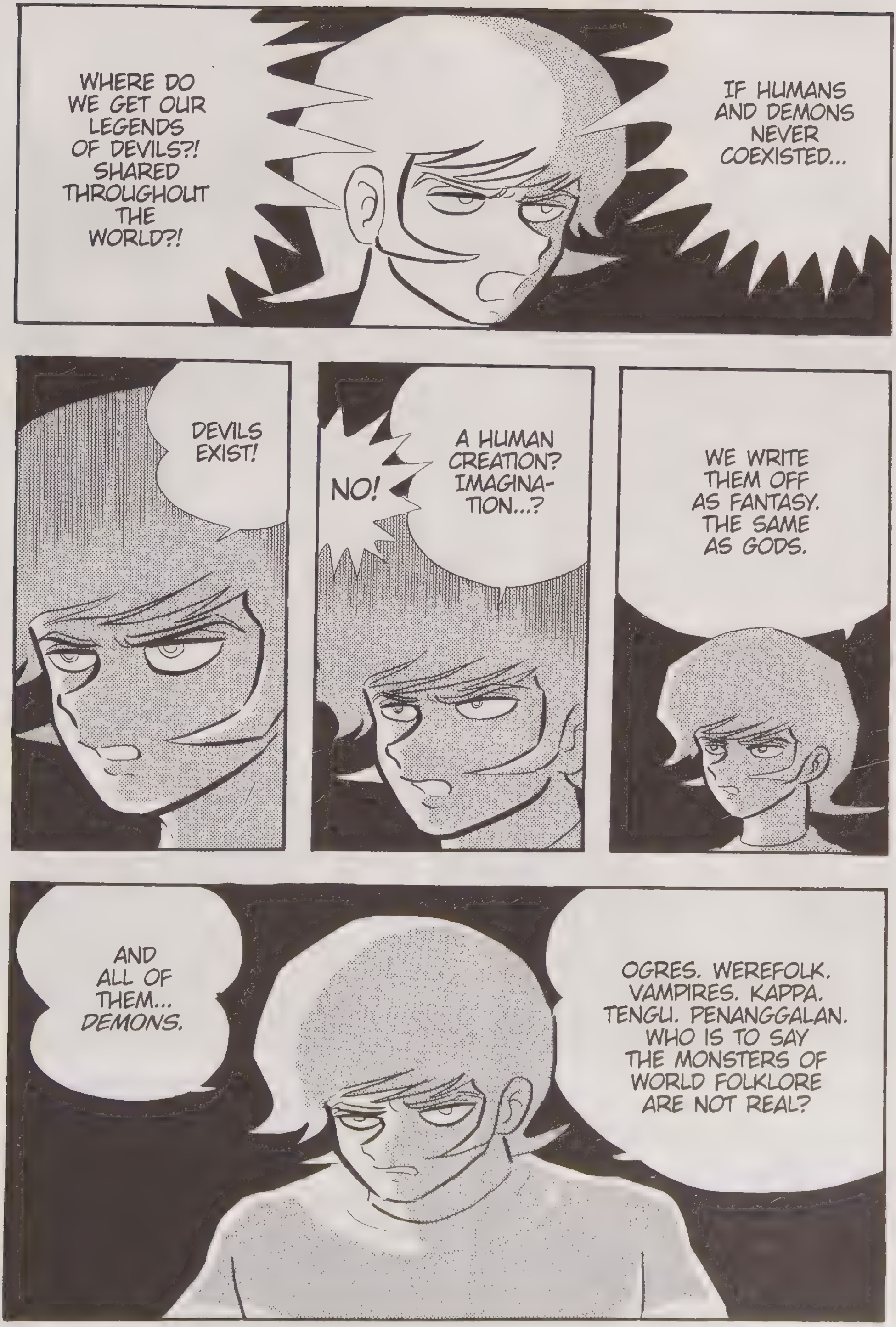

EACH ACQUISITION TWISTED THEM FURTHER. THEY BECAME **GROTESQUE MONSTERS** WITH BIZARRE ABILITIES!
DE... DEVILS WERE *REAL!!*
MORE OF A SHOCK THAN YOUR MIND COULD TAKE, I SEE.

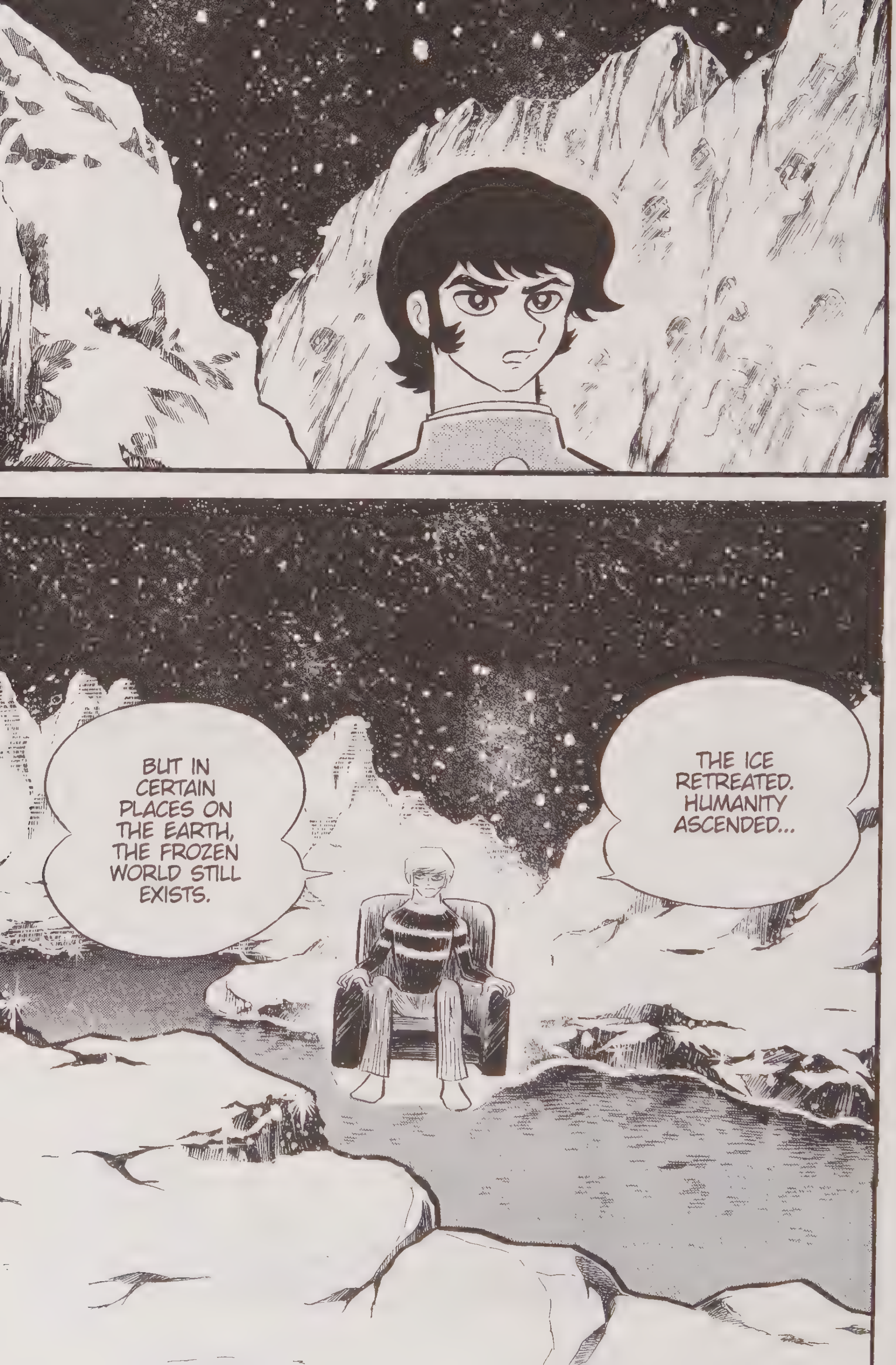

THEY SOUGHT TO MERGE AGAIN...
AND AGAIN... AND AGAIN.

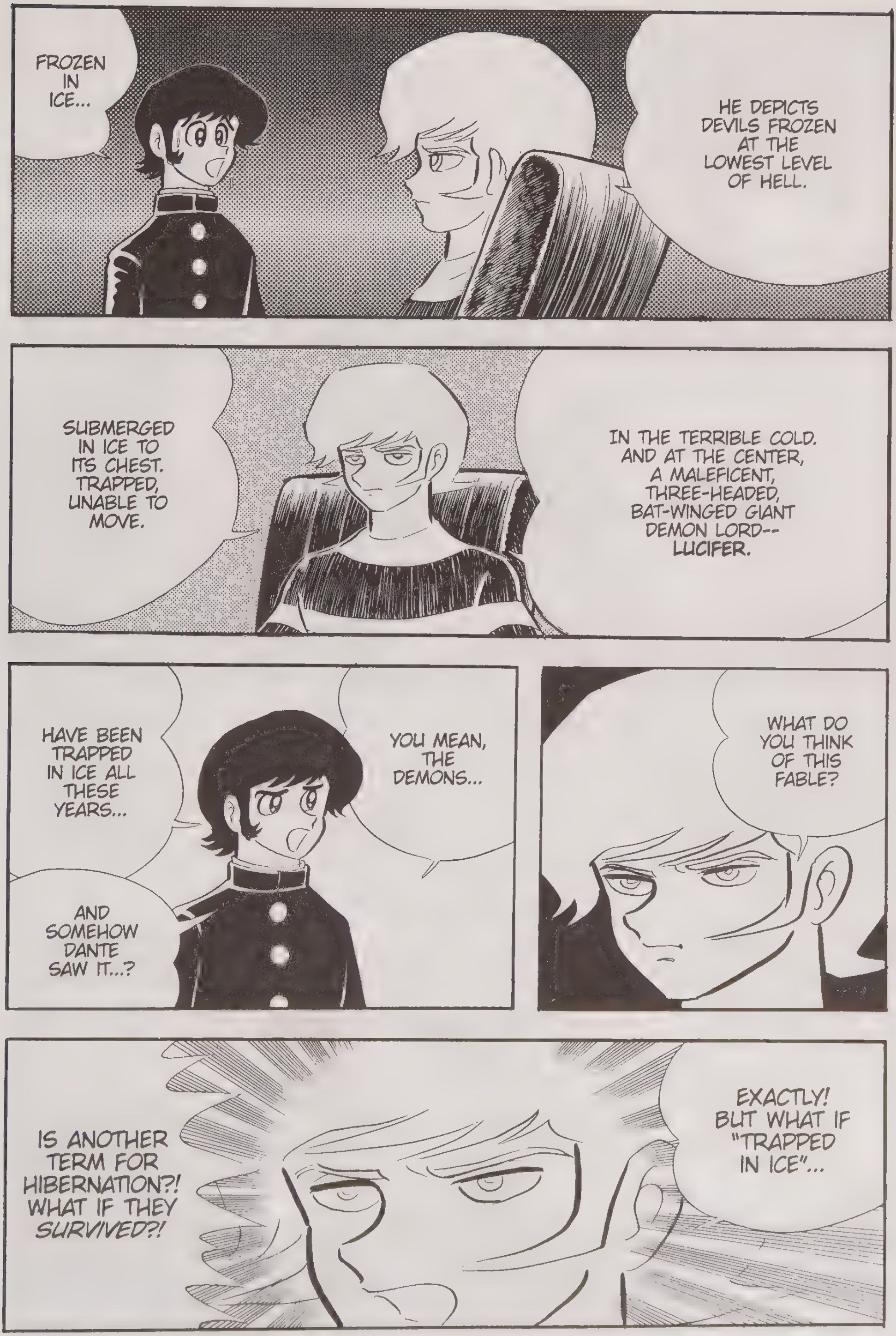

HUMANS GOT LUCKY, THEN!
THOSE MONSTROUS FREAKS DIED OUT, ALLOWING US TO EMERGE AND ADVANCE IN PEACE.
IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THE ICE AGE...
I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT.
WE'D HAVE BEEN CATTLE AT BEST.
THANK GOD FOR MASS EXTINCTION!
YEAH, *FUNNY THING* ABOUT THAT...
MY FATHER FIGURED THAT...
UH...
THE DEMONS *DIDN'T* DIE OUT!
WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT, IT ALL MAKES SENSE!

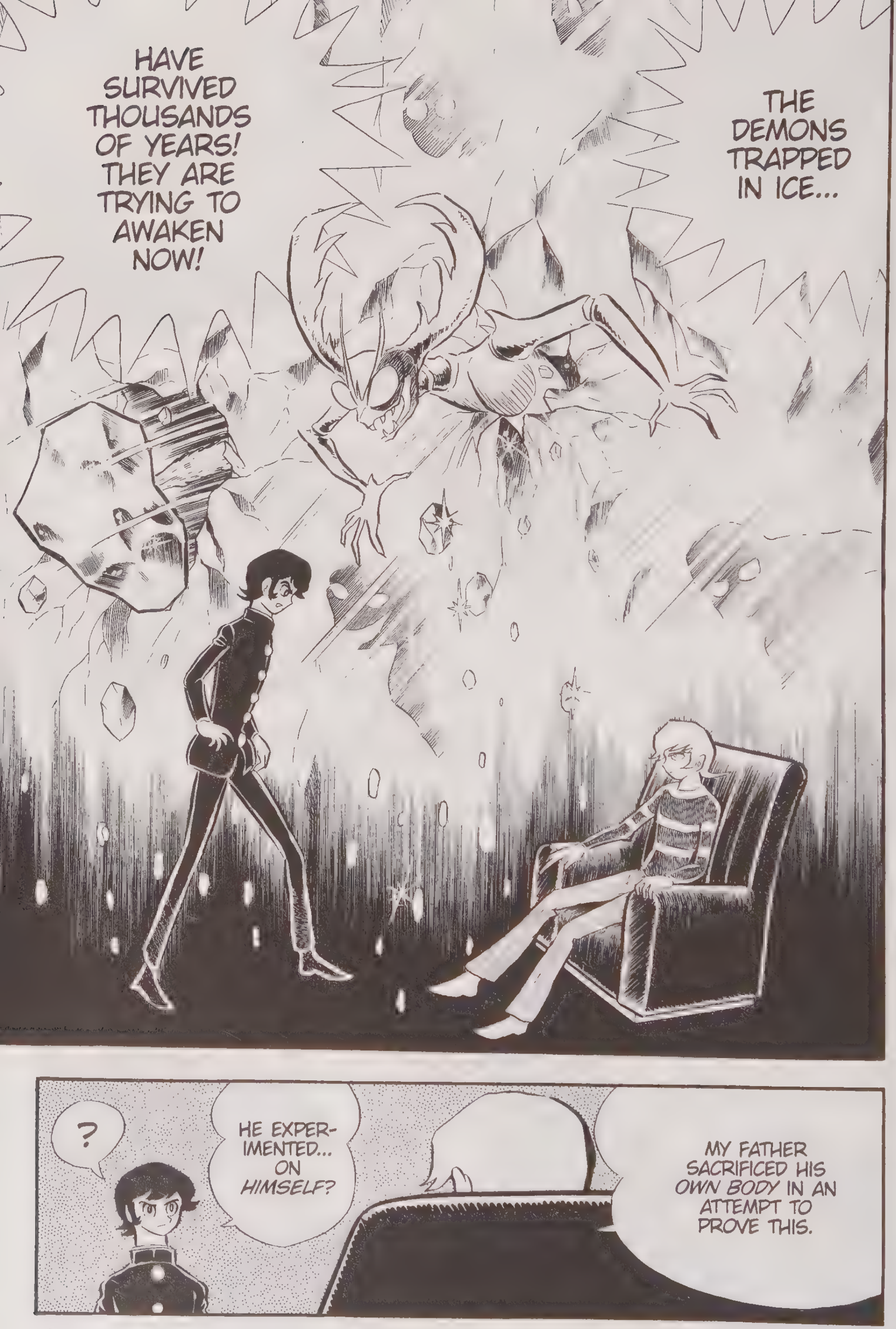

DEMONS' ABILITY TO MERGE IS LIKE HUMANS AND WEAPONS.
WE TRADE UP, DEVELOP MORE POWERFUL MEANS OF DESTRUCTION.
THAT'S WHAT THE DEMONS DO WITH THEIR BODIES.
WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO PLAY WITH...
THEY DEVELOPED ABILITIES BEYOND OUR WILDEST IMAGINATIONS.
BUT... WHY?
IF THEY WERE SO POWERFUL, HOW DID HUMANS TAKE OVER THE EARTH?
THE ICE AGE.
THE SUDDEN CLIMATE SHIFT FROZE THE EARTH, ENDING THE AGE OF THE DEMONS.
HUMANS APPEARED ON EARTH SOMETIME AFTER THAT.


I...
I GUESS...
LEGENDS OF THE EUROPEAN WOLFMAN...
COULD BE A DEMON MERGED WITH A WOLF.
DRACULA... COULD BE SOMEONE MERGED WITH A BAT...
EVEN JAPANESE ONI. MAYBE MERGED WITH A BULL OR SOMETHING...
YOU'VE HEARD OF DANTE'S *DIVINE COMEDY?*
UHH...
NO.
DANTE WAS A THIRTEENTH CENTURY ITALIAN POET.
HE VISITED HELL, PURGATORY, AND HEAVEN, AND WROTE A GUIDEBOOK ON THEM. THAT'S THE *DIVINE COMEDY.*


IF HUMANS AND DEMONS NEVER COEXISTED...
WHERE DO WE GET OUR LEGENDS OF DEVILS?! SHARED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD?!
WE WRITE THEM OFF AS FANTASY. THE SAME AS GODS.
A HUMAN CREATION? IMAGINATION...?
NO!
DEVILS EXIST!
OGRES. WEREFOLK. VAMPIRES. KAPPA. TENGU. PENANGGALAN. WHO IS TO SAY THE MONSTERS OF WORLD FOLKLORE ARE NOT REAL?
AND ALL OF THEM... *DEMONS.*


THE ICE RETREATED. HUMANITY ASCENDED...
BUT IN CERTAIN PLACES ON THE EARTH, THE FROZEN WORLD STILL EXISTS.


HE DEPICTS DEVILS FROZEN AT THE LOWEST LEVEL OF HELL.
FROZEN IN ICE...
IN THE TERRIBLE COLD. AND AT THE CENTER, A MALEFICENT, THREE-HEADED, BAT-WINGED GIANT DEMON LORD-- **LUCIFER.**
SUBMERGED IN ICE TO ITS CHEST. TRAPPED, UNABLE TO MOVE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS FABLE?
YOU MEAN, THE DEMONS...
HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN ICE ALL THESE YEARS...
AND SOMEHOW DANTE SAW IT...?
EXACTLY! BUT WHAT IF "TRAPPED IN ICE"...
IS ANOTHER TERM FOR HIBERNATION?! WHAT IF THEY *SURVIVED?!*


THE DEMONS TRAPPED IN ICE...
HAVE SURVIVED THOUSANDS OF YEARS! THEY ARE TRYING TO AWAKEN NOW!
MY FATHER SACRIFICED HIS *OWN BODY* IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVE THIS.
HE EXPERIMENTED... ON *HIMSELF?*
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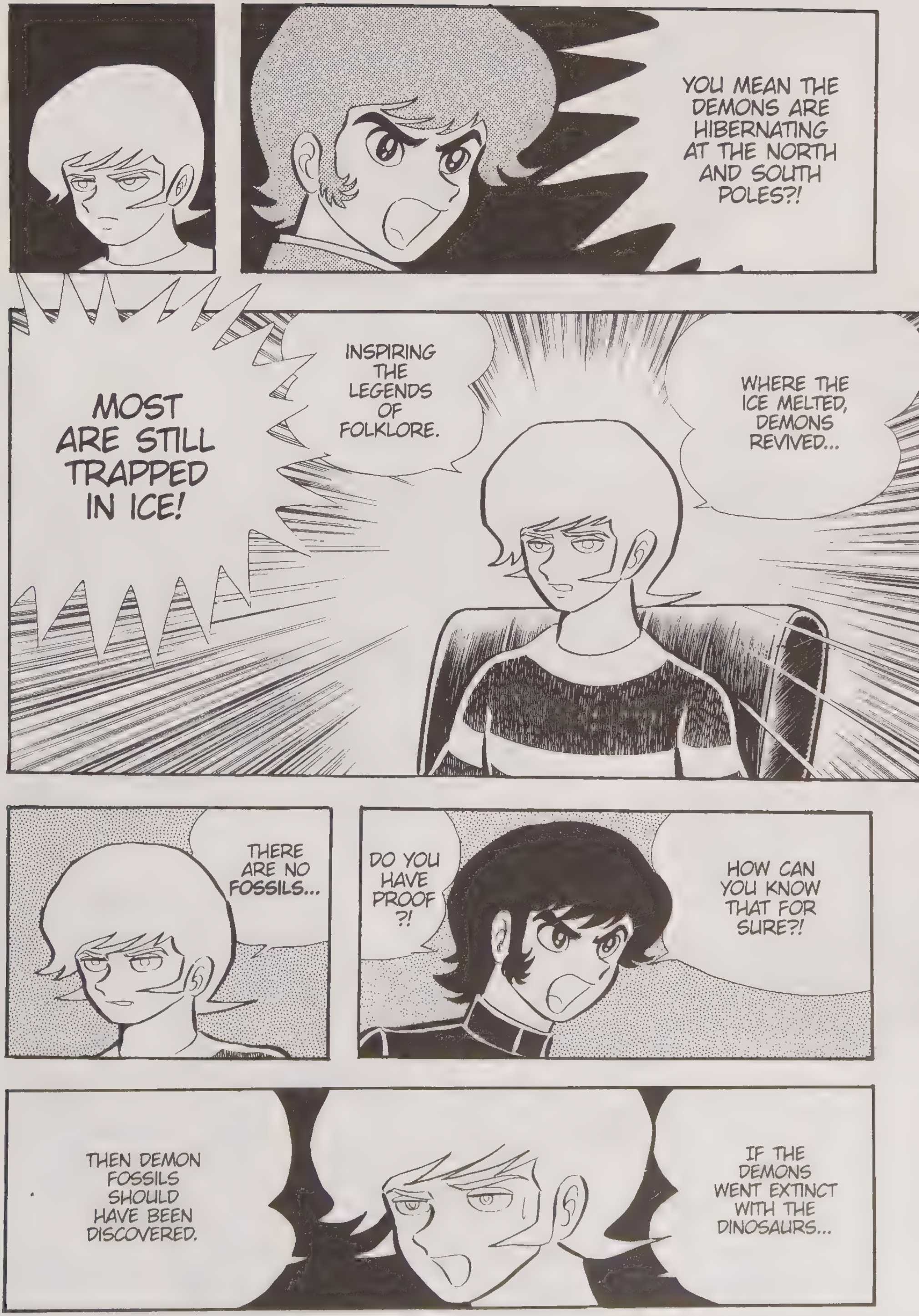
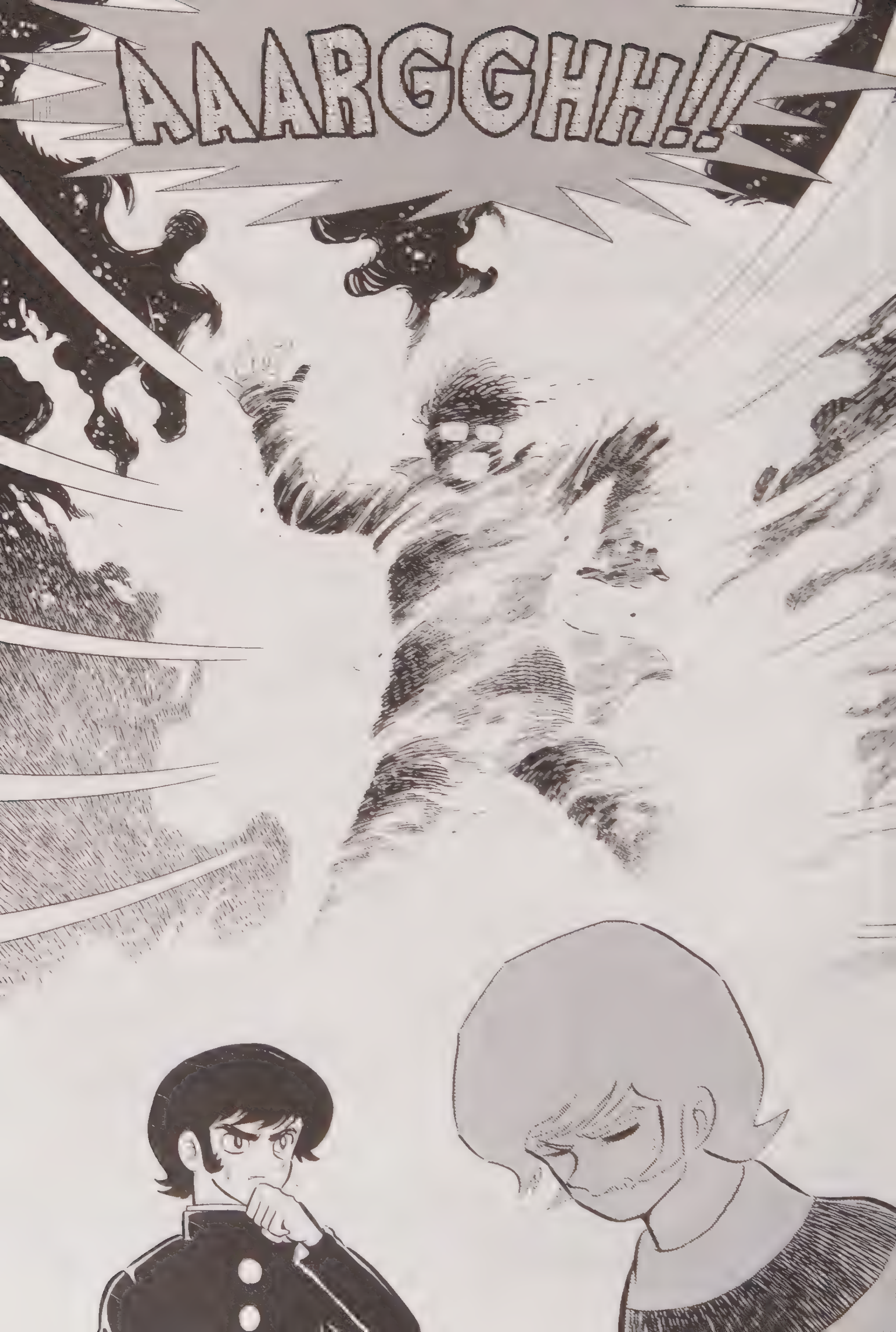
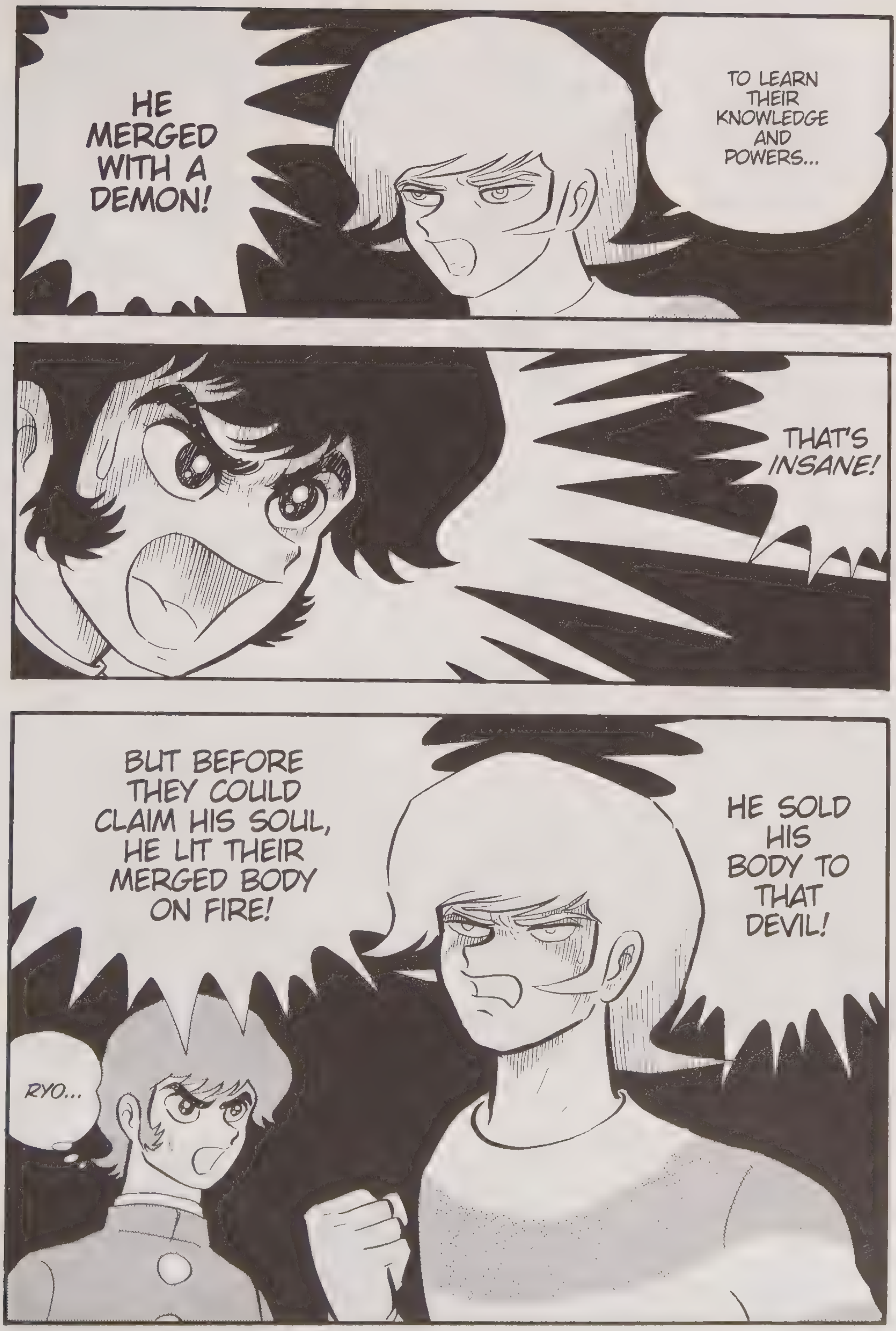
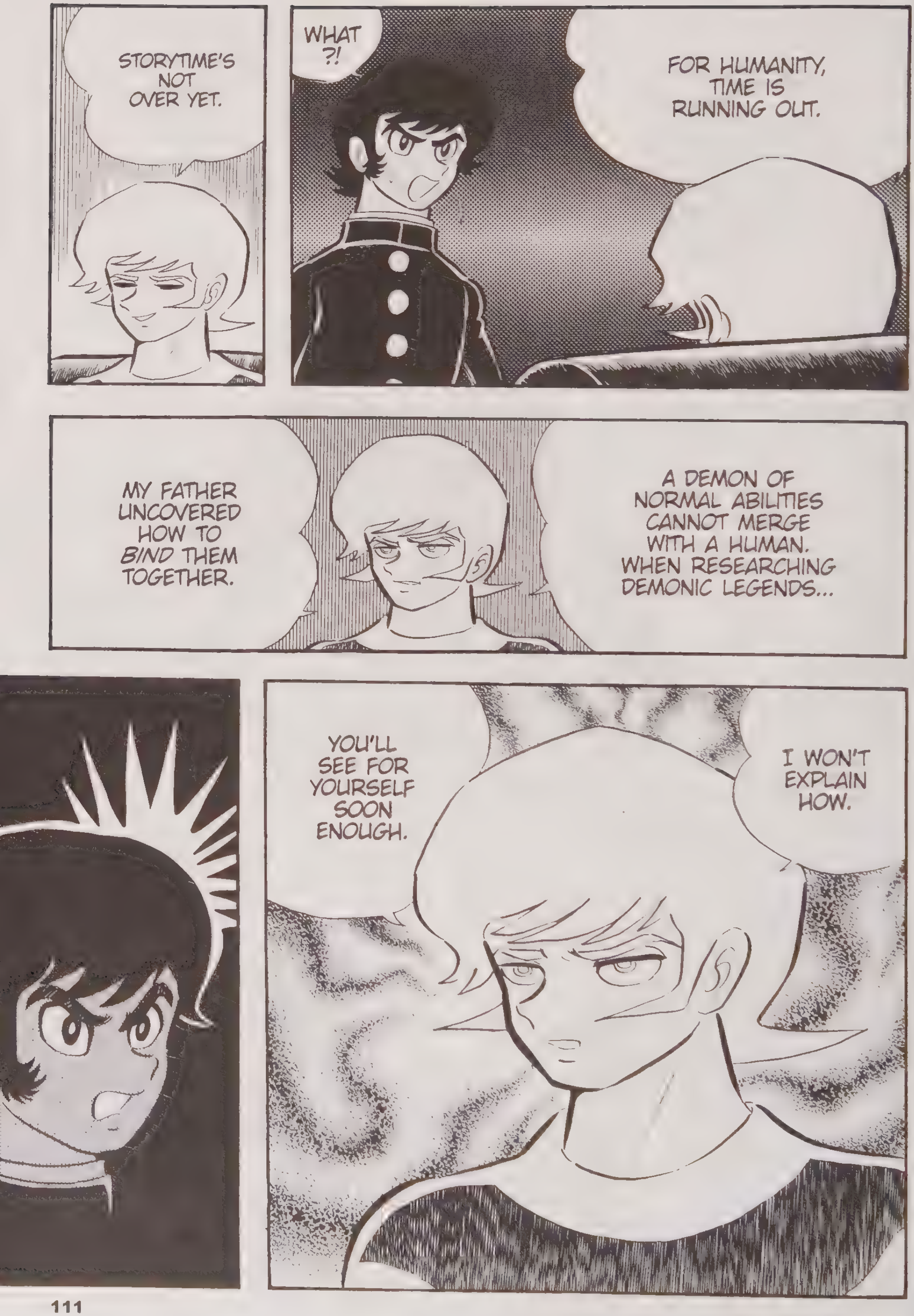
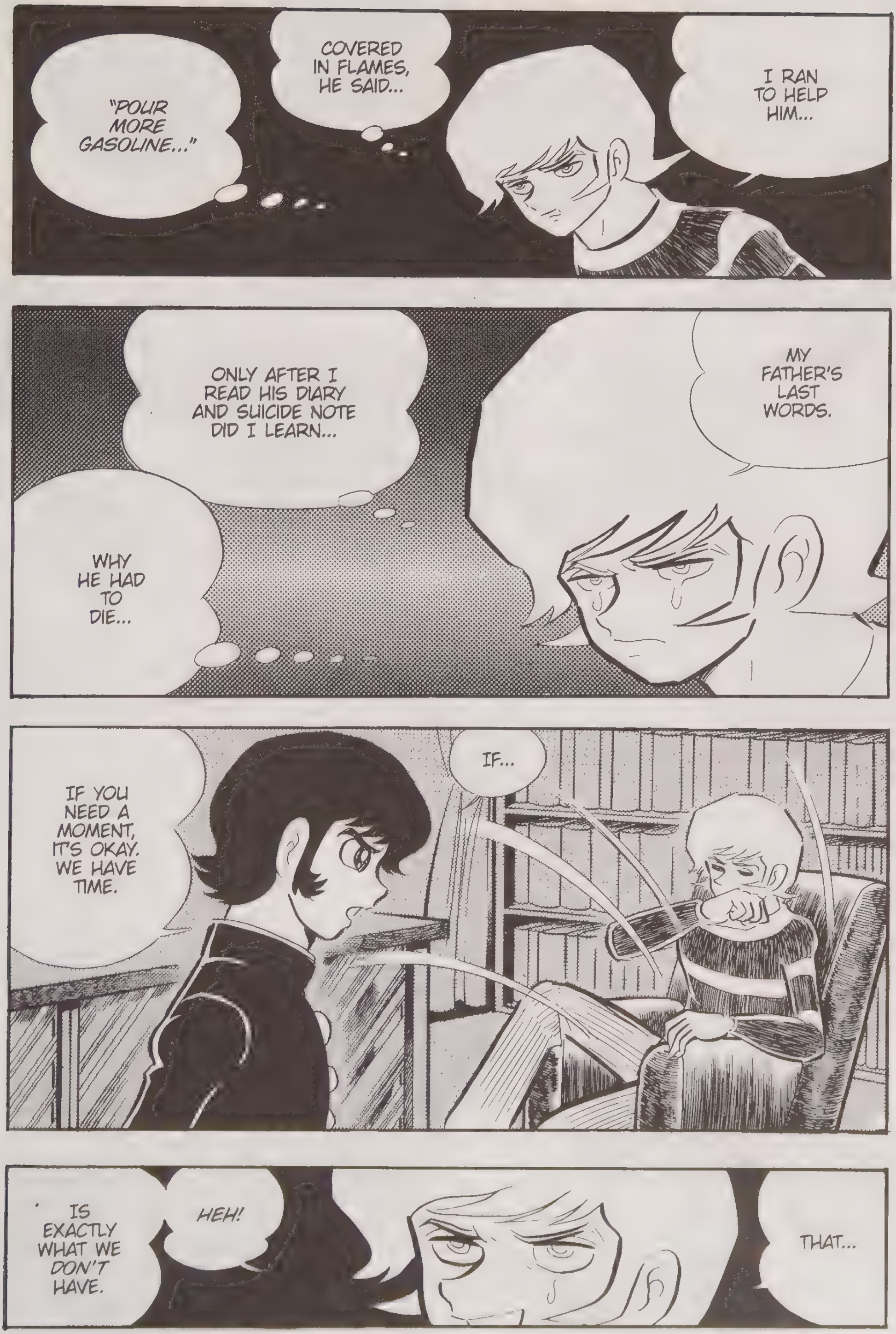
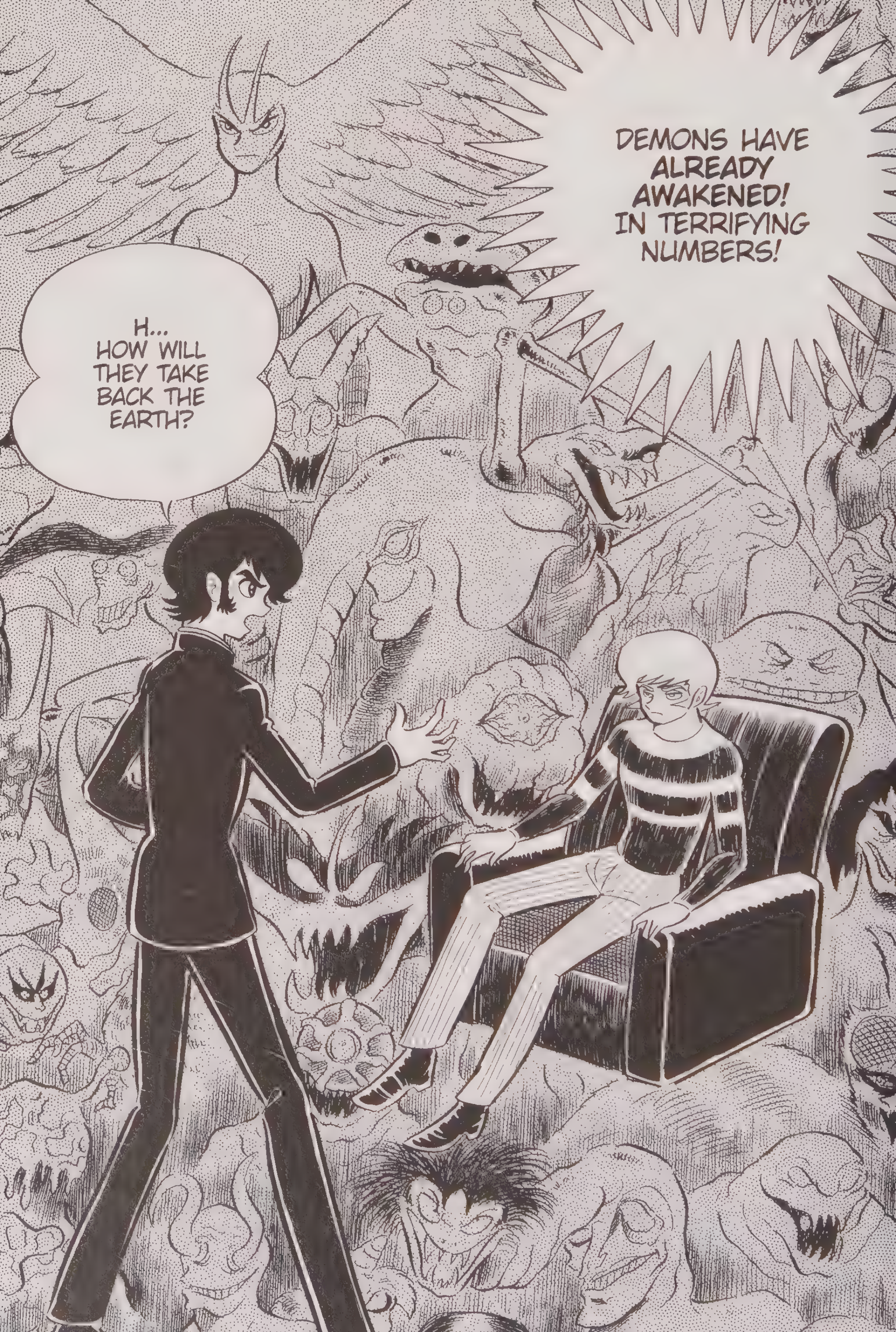

YOU MEAN THE DEMONS ARE HIBERNATING AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES?!
WHERE THE ICE MELTED, DEMONS REVIVED...
INSPIRING THE LEGENDS OF FOLKLORE.
MOST ARE STILL TRAPPED IN ICE!
HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT FOR SURE?!
DO YOU HAVE PROOF?!
THERE ARE NO FOSSILS...
IF THE DEMONS WENT EXTINCT WITH THE DINOSAURS...
THEN DEMON FOSSILS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.

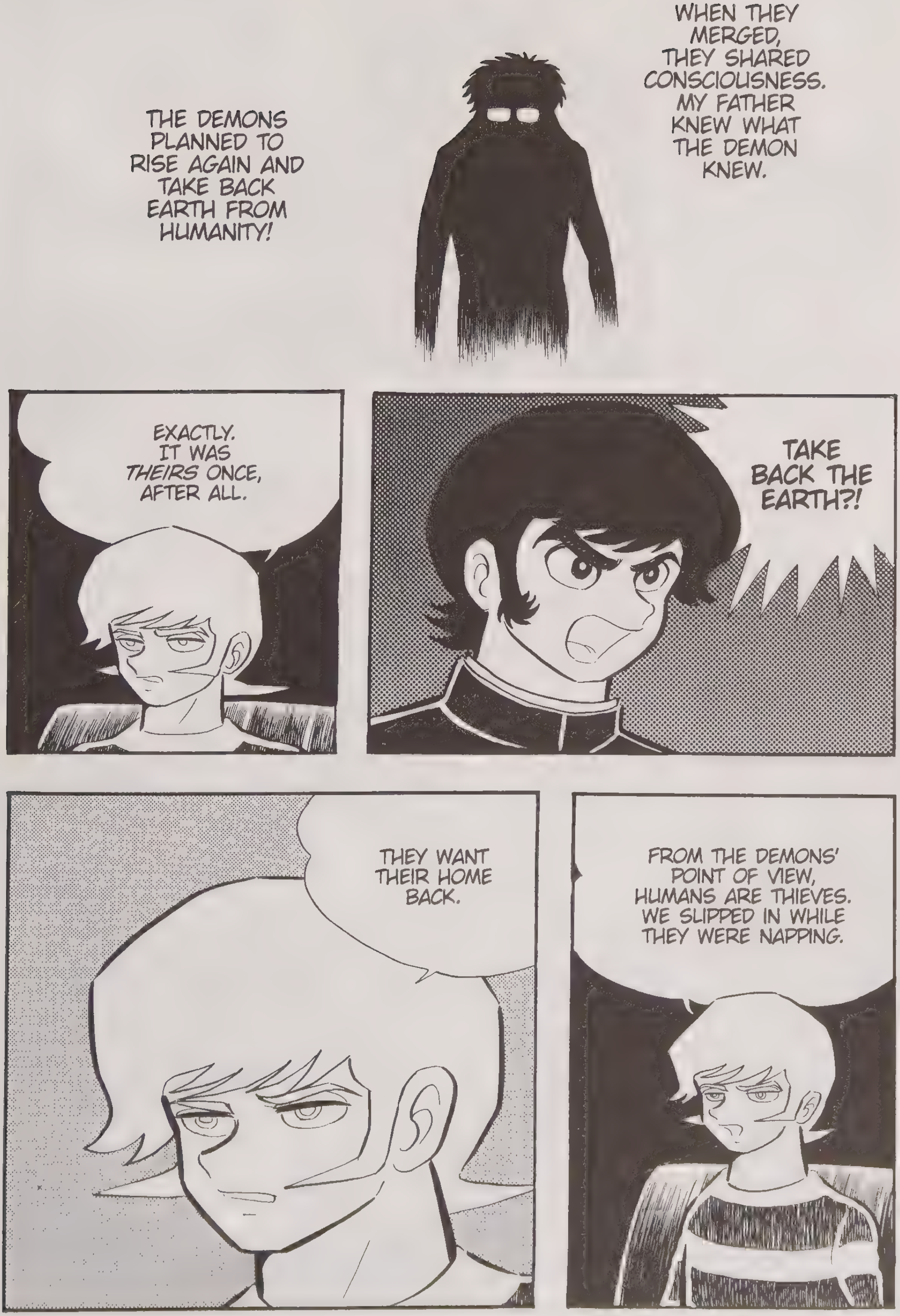

AAARGGHH!!

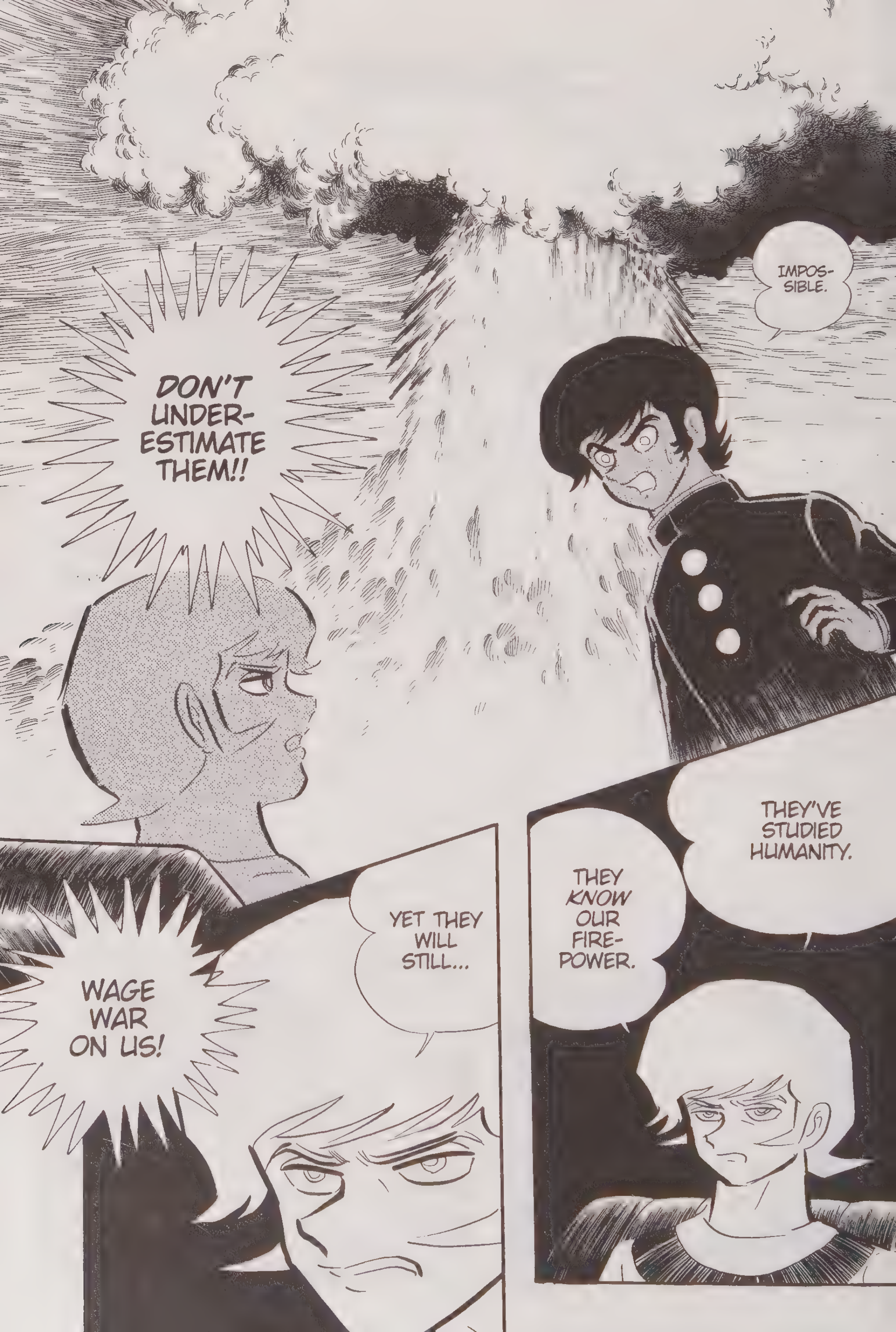

TO LEARN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND POWERS...
HE MERGED WITH A DEMON!
THAT'S INSANE!
HE SOLD HIS BODY TO THAT DEVIL!
BUT BEFORE THEY COULD CLAIM HIS SOUL, HE LIT THEIR MERGED BODY ON FIRE!
RYO...

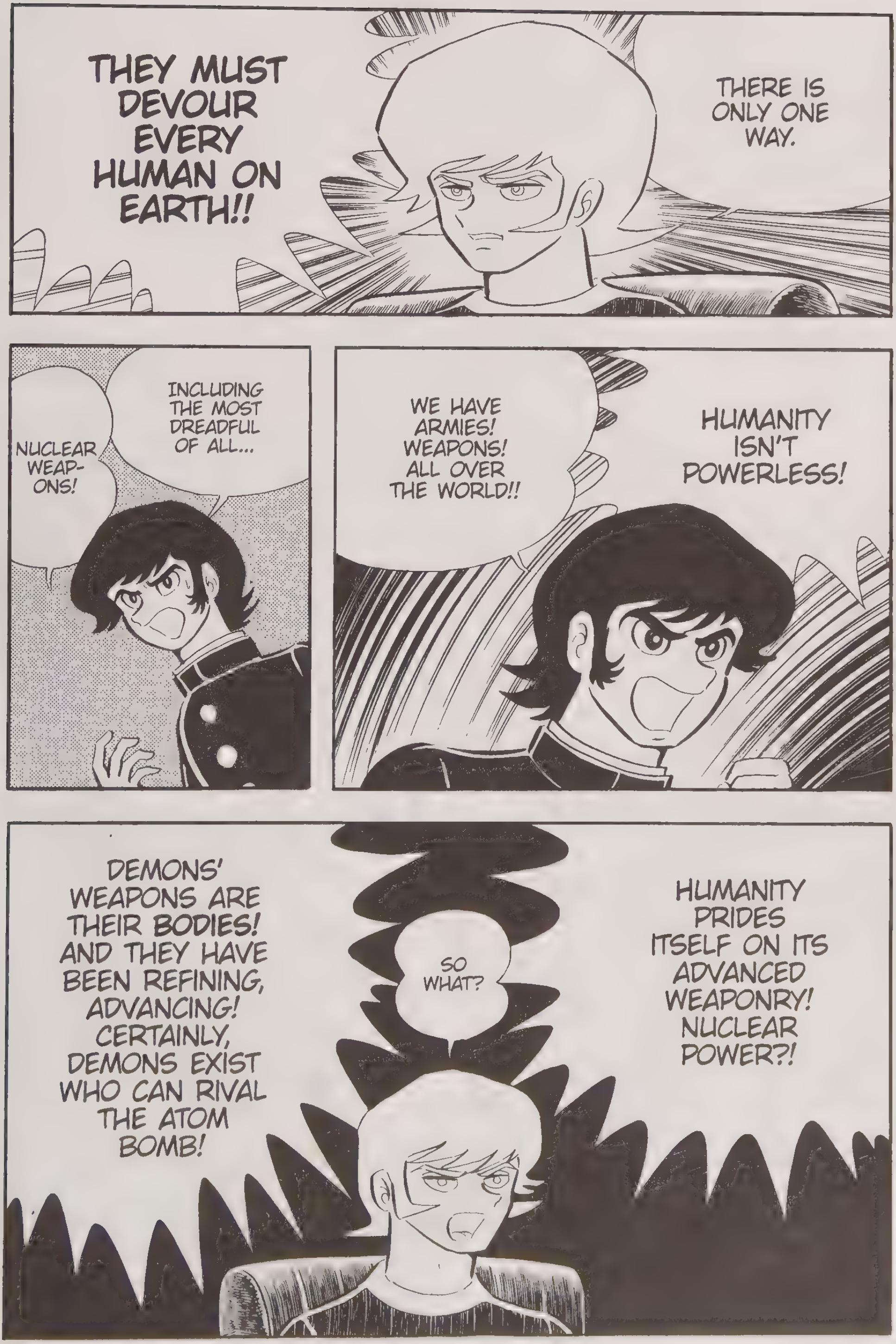

FOR HUMANITY, TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
WHAT?!
STORYTIME'S NOT OVER YET.
A DEMON OF NORMAL ABILITIES CANNOT MERGE WITH A HUMAN. WHEN RESEARCHING DEMONIC LEGENDS...
MY FATHER UNCOVERED HOW TO *BIND* THEM TOGETHER.
I WON'T EXPLAIN HOW.
YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF SOON ENOUGH.

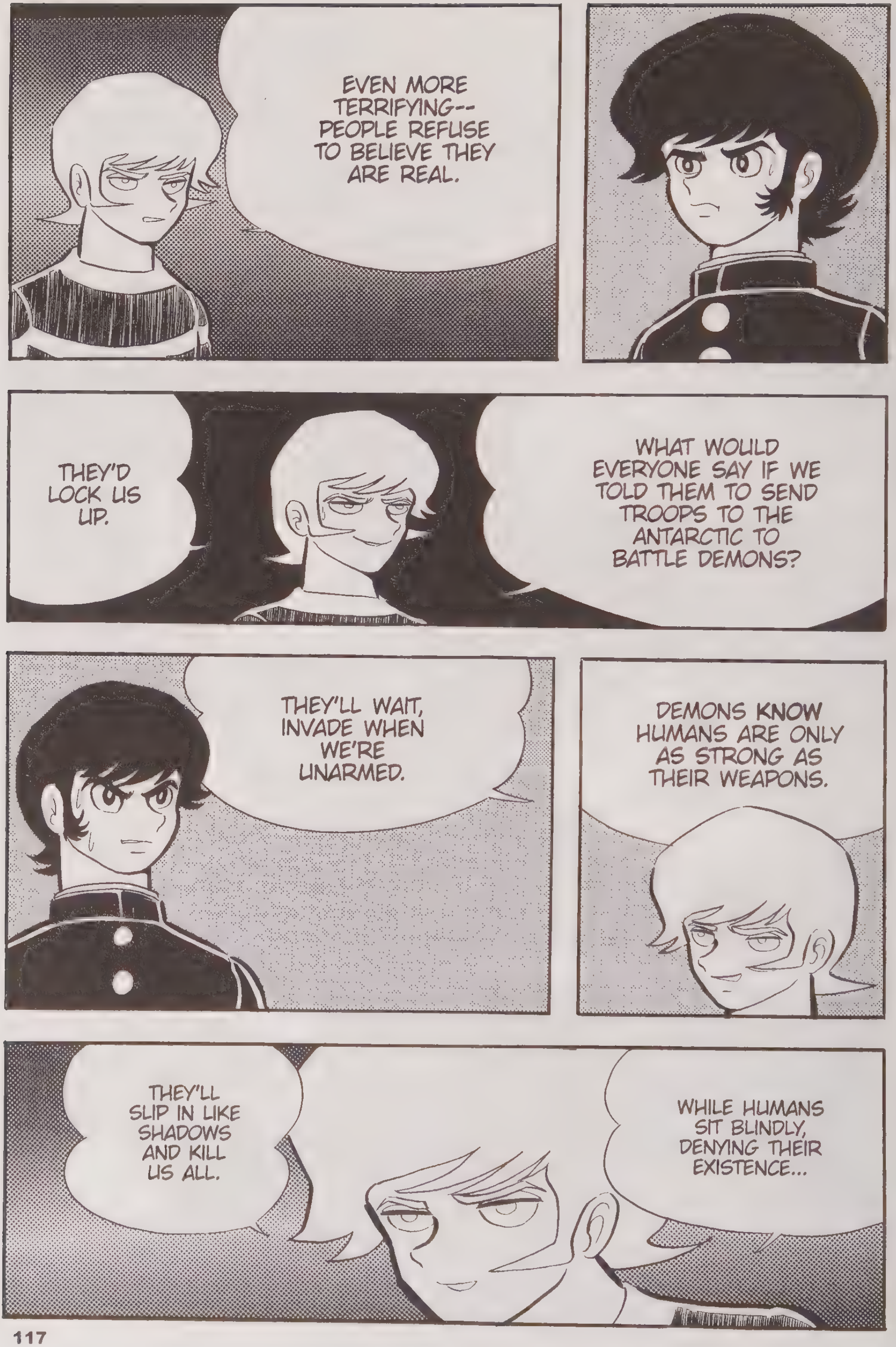

I RAN TO HELP HIM...
COVERED IN FLAMES, HE SAID...
"POUR MORE GASOLINE..."
MY FATHER'S LAST WORDS.
ONLY AFTER I READ HIS DIARY AND SUICIDE NOTE DID I LEARN...
WHY HE HAD TO DIE...
IF...
IF YOU NEED A MOMENT, IT'S OKAY. WE HAVE TIME.
THAT...
HEH!
IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DON'T HAVE.

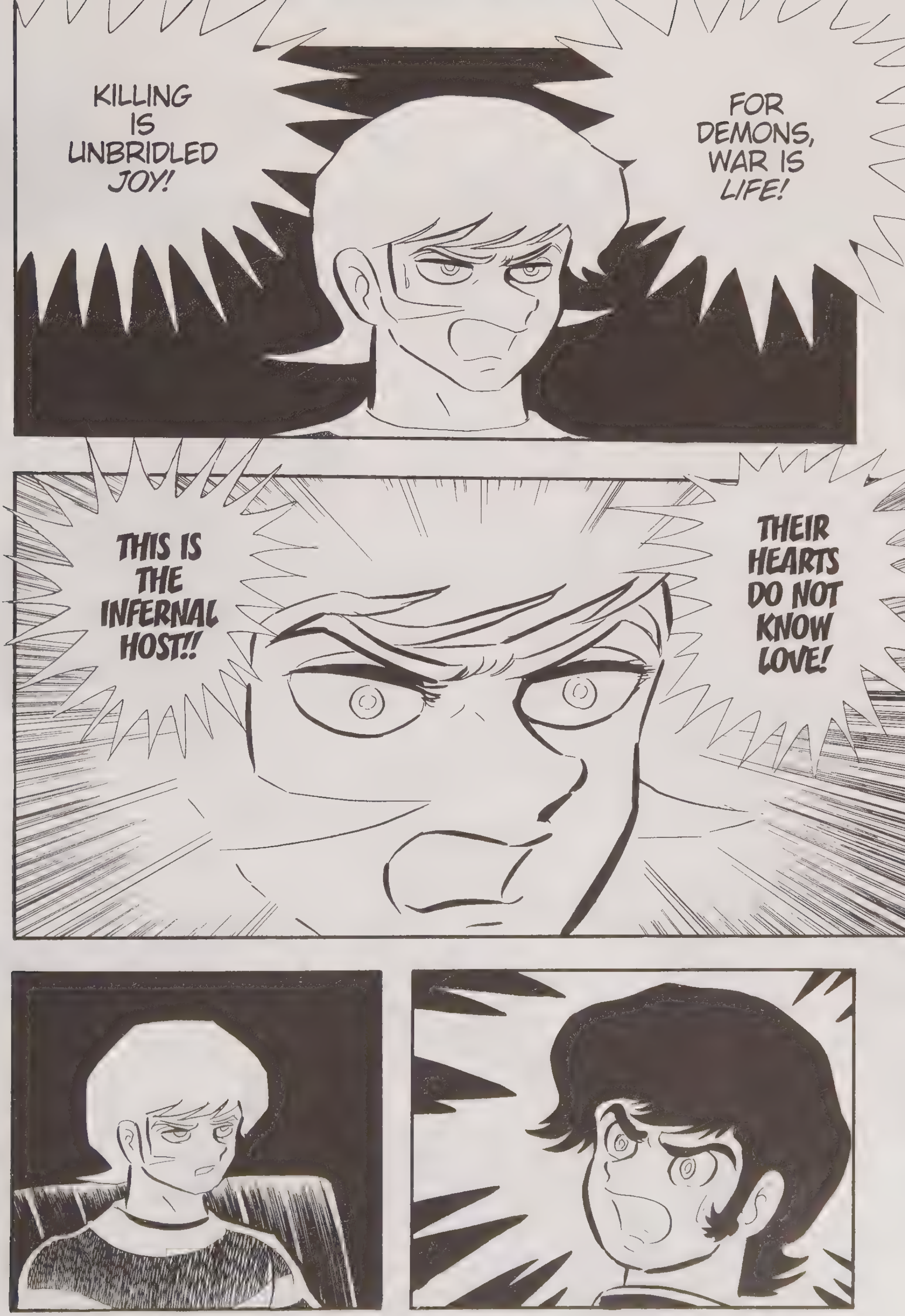

DEMONS HAVE ALREADY AWAKENED! IN TERRIFYING NUMBERS!
H... HOW WILL THEY TAKE BACK THE EARTH?

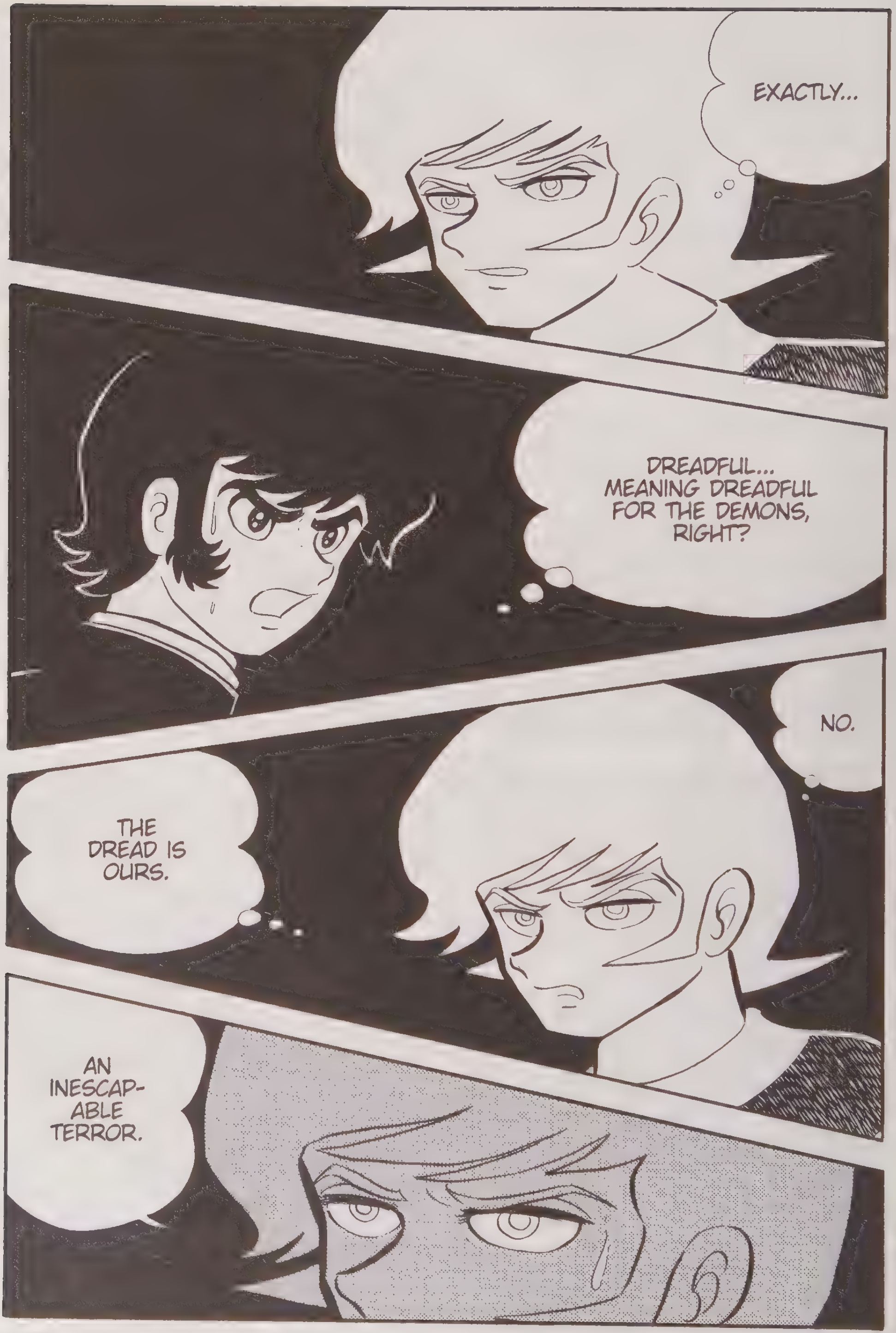

WHEN THEY MERGED, THEY SHARED CONSCIOUSNESS. MY FATHER KNEW WHAT THE DEMON KNEW.
THE DEMONS PLANNED TO RISE AGAIN AND TAKE BACK EARTH FROM HUMANITY!
TAKE BACK THE EARTH?!
EXACTLY. IT WAS *THEIRS* ONCE, AFTER ALL.
FROM THE DEMONS' POINT OF VIEW, HUMANS ARE THIEVES. WE SLIPPED IN WHILE THEY WERE NAPPING.
THEY WANT THEIR HOME BACK.

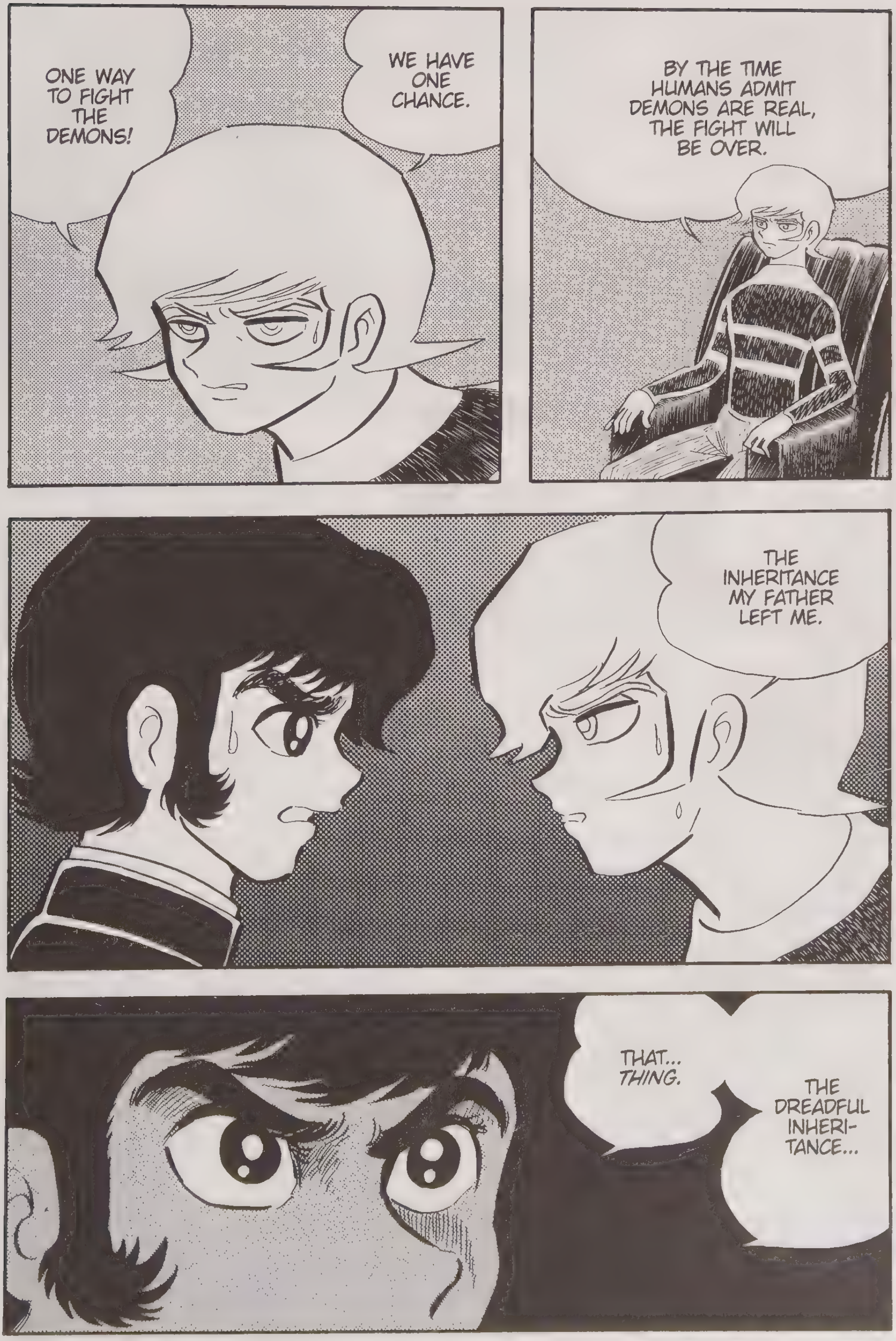

IMPOSSIBLE.
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THEM!!
THEY'VE STUDIED HUMANITY.
THEY *KNOW* OUR FIREPOWER.
YET THEY WILL STILL...
WAGE WAR ON US!

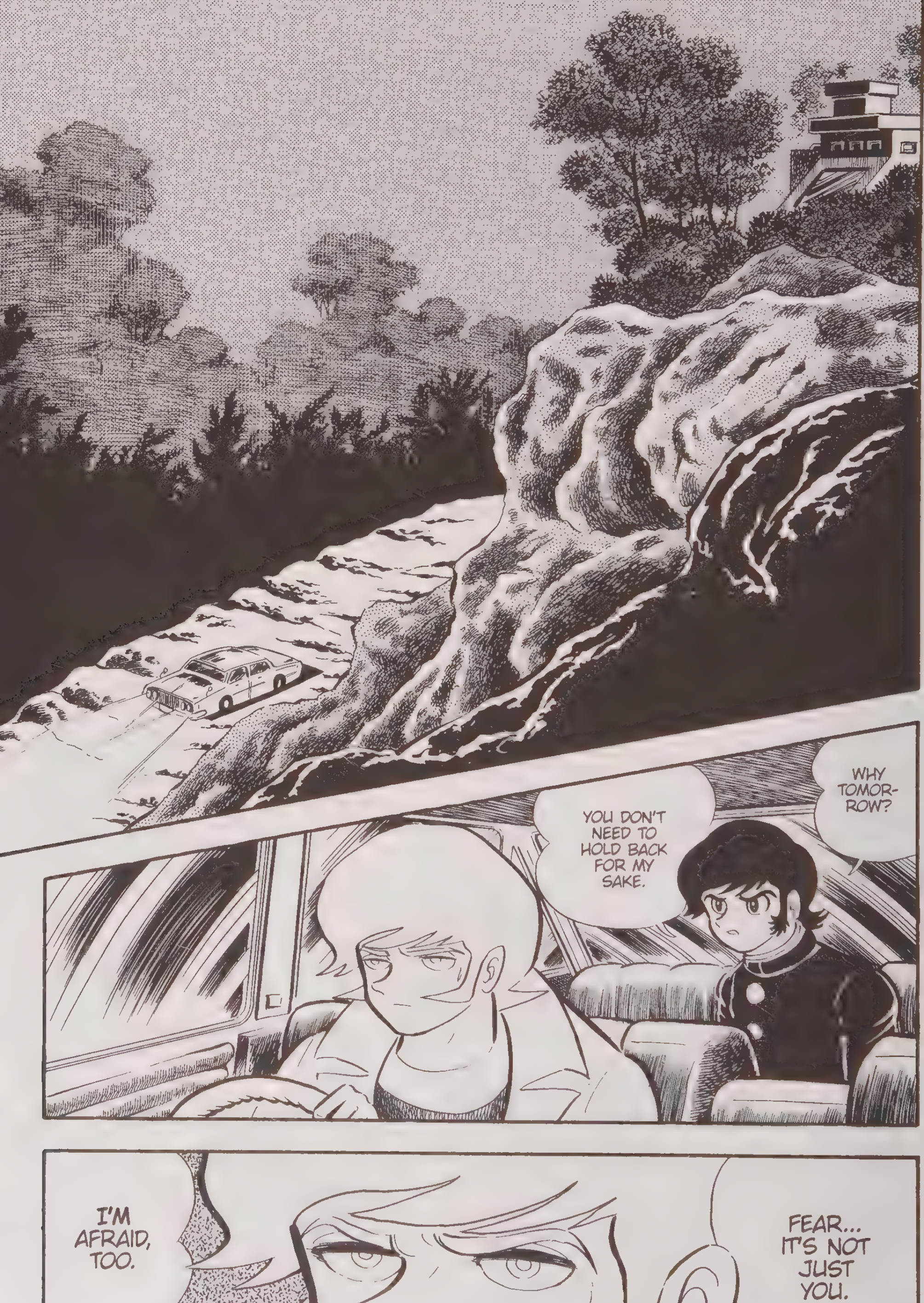

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY.
THEY MUST DEVOUR EVERY HUMAN ON EARTH!!
HUMANITY ISN'T POWERLESS!
WE HAVE ARMIES! WEAPONS! ALL OVER THE WORLD!!
INCLUDING THE MOST DREADFUL OF ALL...
NUCLEAR WEAPONS!
HUMANITY PRIDES ITSELF ON ITS ADVANCED WEAPONRY! NUCLEAR POWER?!
SO WHAT?
DEMONS' WEAPONS ARE THEIR BODIES! AND THEY HAVE BEEN REFINING, ADVANCING! CERTAINLY, DEMONS EXIST WHO CAN RIVAL THE ATOM BOMB!

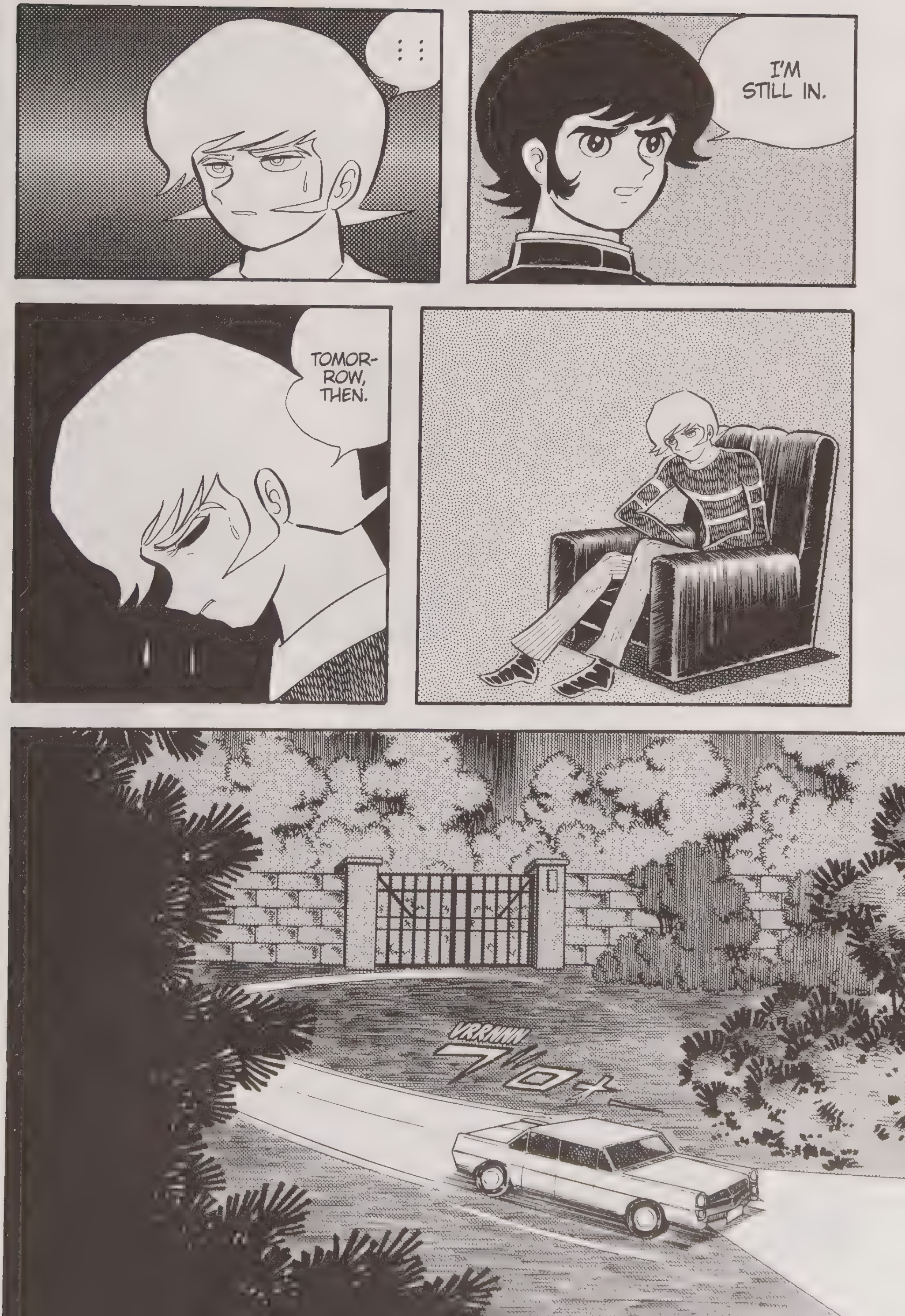

EVEN MORE TERRIFYING-- PEOPLE REFUSE TO BELIEVE THEY ARE REAL.
WHAT WOULD EVERYONE SAY IF WE TOLD THEM TO SEND TROOPS TO THE ANTARCTIC TO BATTLE DEMONS?
THEY'D LOCK US UP.
DEMONS KNOW HUMANS ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS THEIR WEAPONS.
THEY'LL WAIT, INVADE WHEN WE'RE UNARMED.
WHILE HUMANS SIT BLINDLY, DENYING THEIR EXISTENCE...
THEY'LL SLIP IN LIKE SHADOWS AND KILL US ALL.

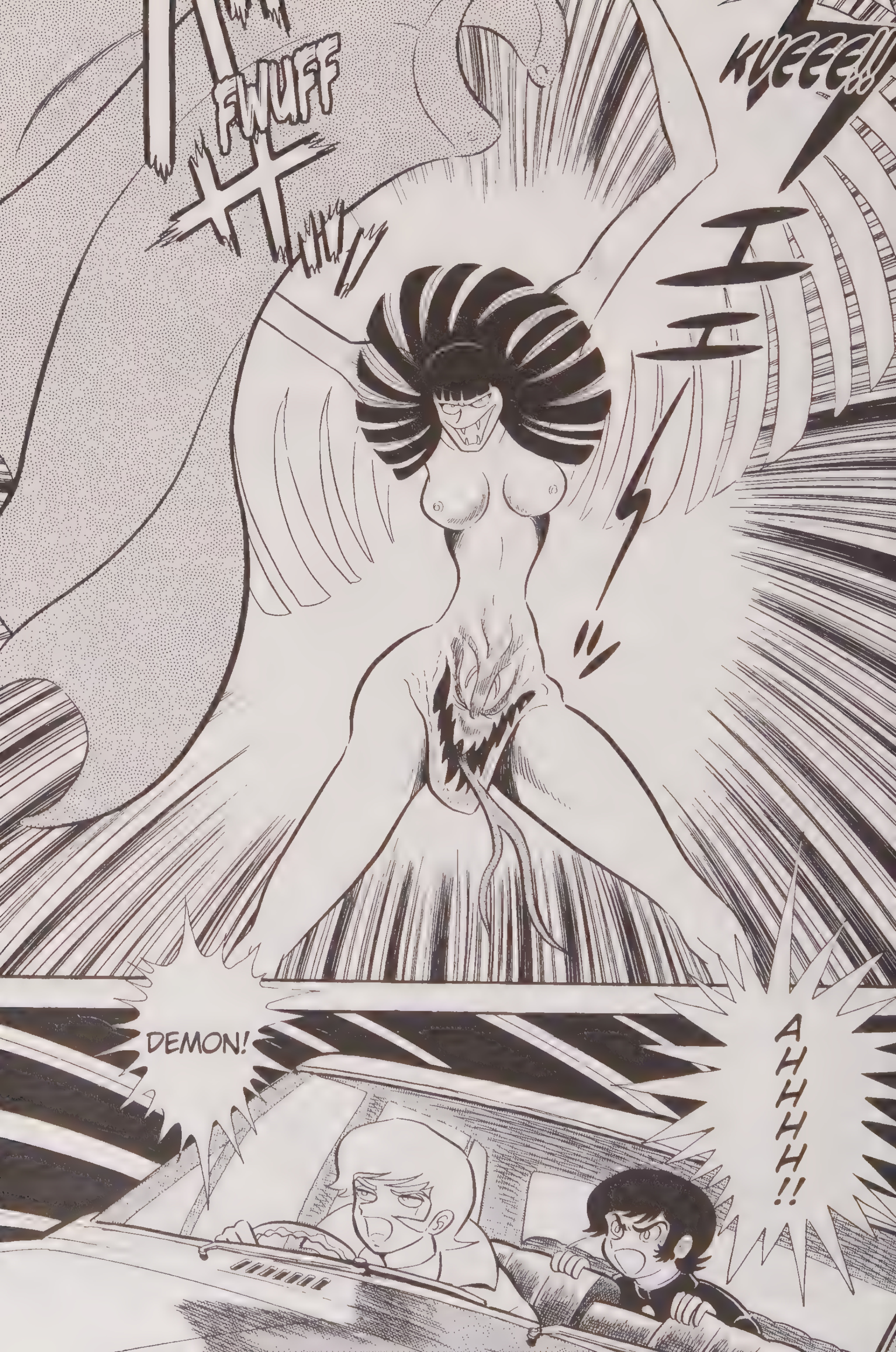

FOR DEMONS, WAR IS LIFE!
KILLING IS UNBRIDLED JOY!
THEIR HEARTS DO NOT KNOW LOVE!
THIS IS THE INFERNAL HOST!!


EXACTLY...
DREADFUL... MEANING DREADFUL FOR THE DEMONS, RIGHT?
NO.
THE DREAD IS OURS.
AN INESCAPABLE TERROR.

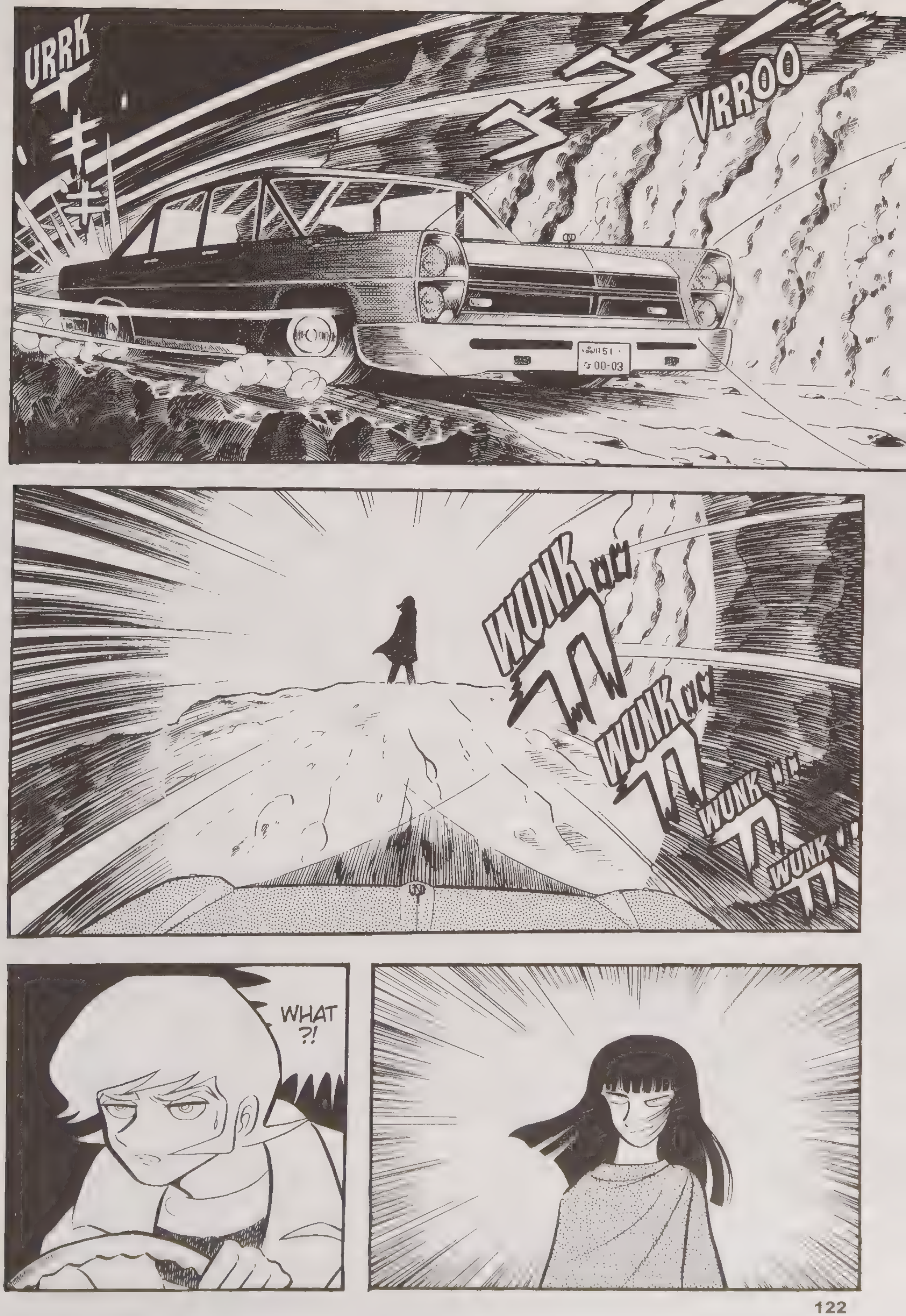

BY THE TIME HUMANS ADMIT DEMONS ARE REAL, THE FIGHT WILL BE OVER.
WE HAVE ONE CHANCE.
ONE WAY TO FIGHT THE DEMONS!
THE INHERITANCE MY FATHER LEFT ME.
THE DREADFUL INHERITANCE...
THAT... *THING.*

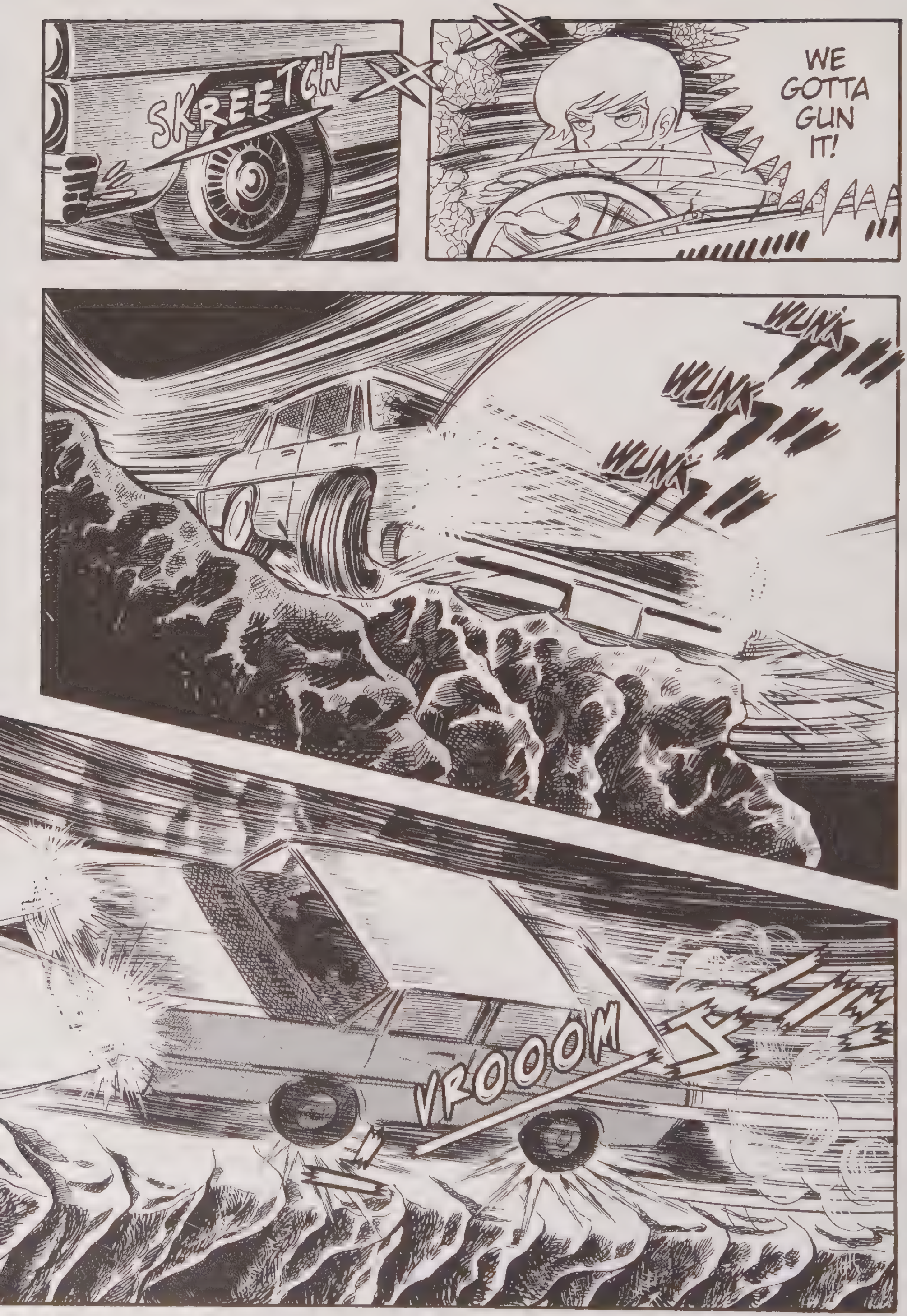

WHY TOMORROW?
YOU DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK FOR MY SAKE.
FEAR... IT'S NOT JUST YOU.
I'M AFRAID, TOO.

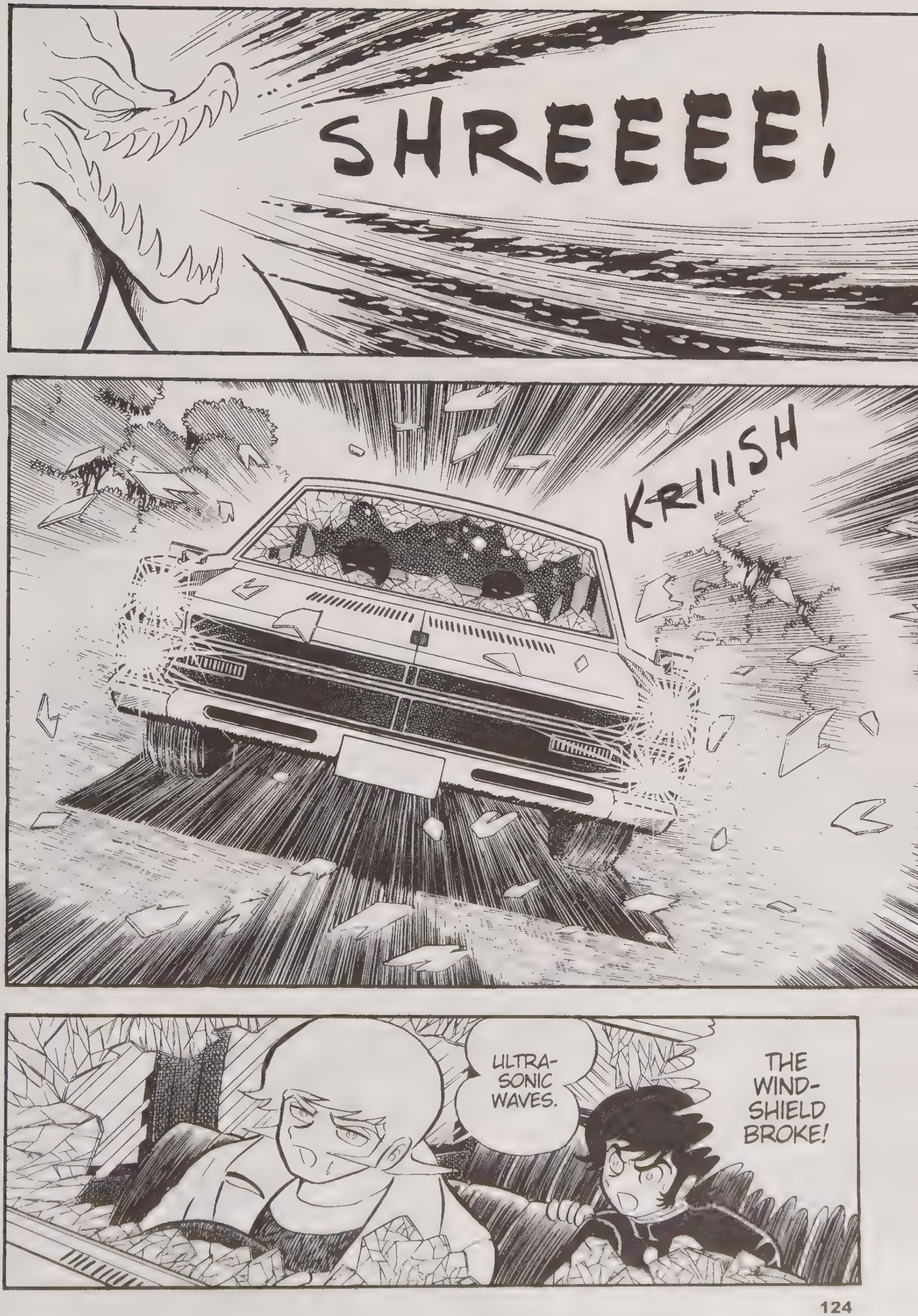

I'M STILL IN.
......
TOMORROW, THEN.
VRRNNN
ブロォー

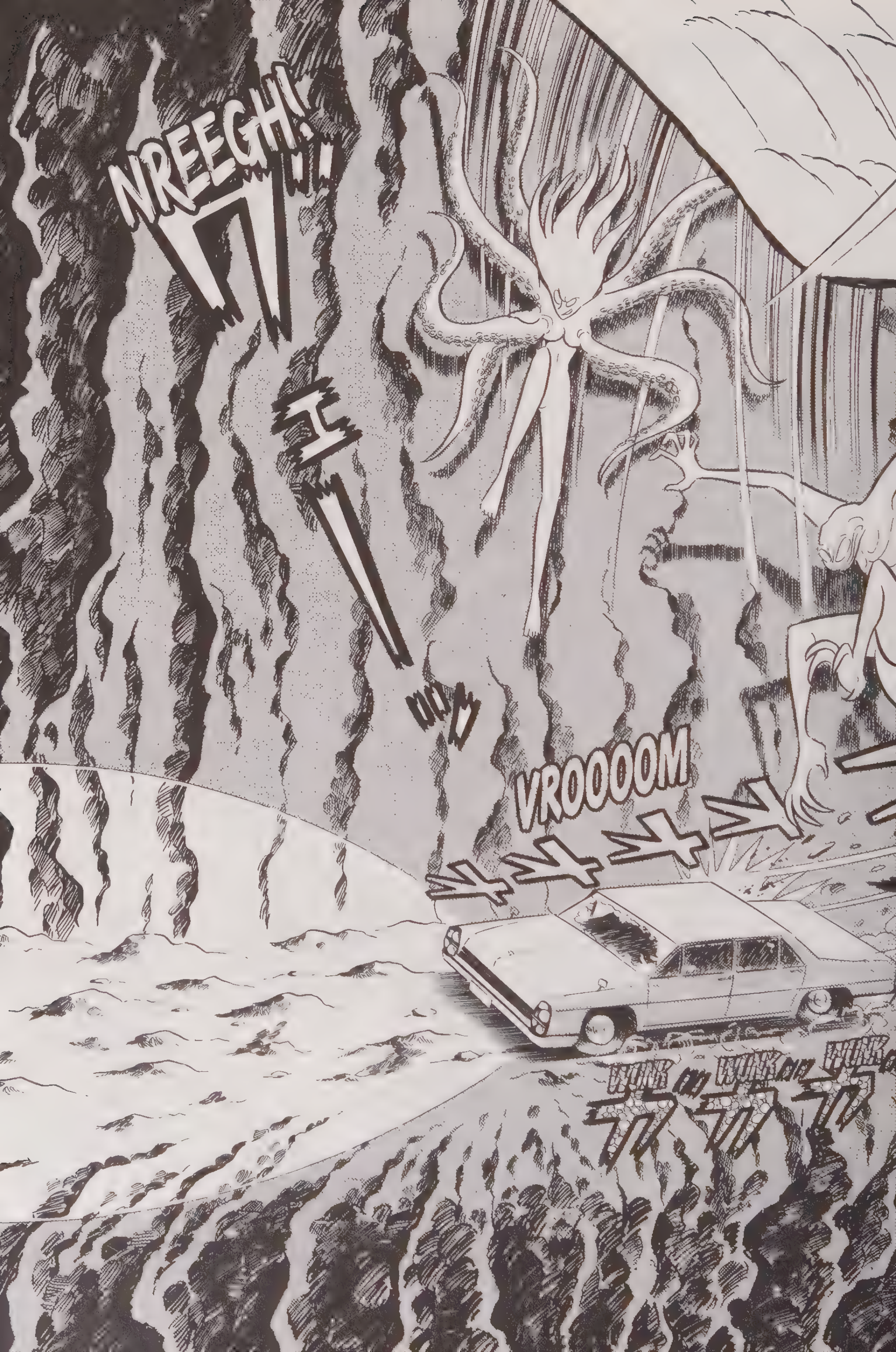


KYEEE!!
エエ
FWUFF
AHHHH!!
DEMON!

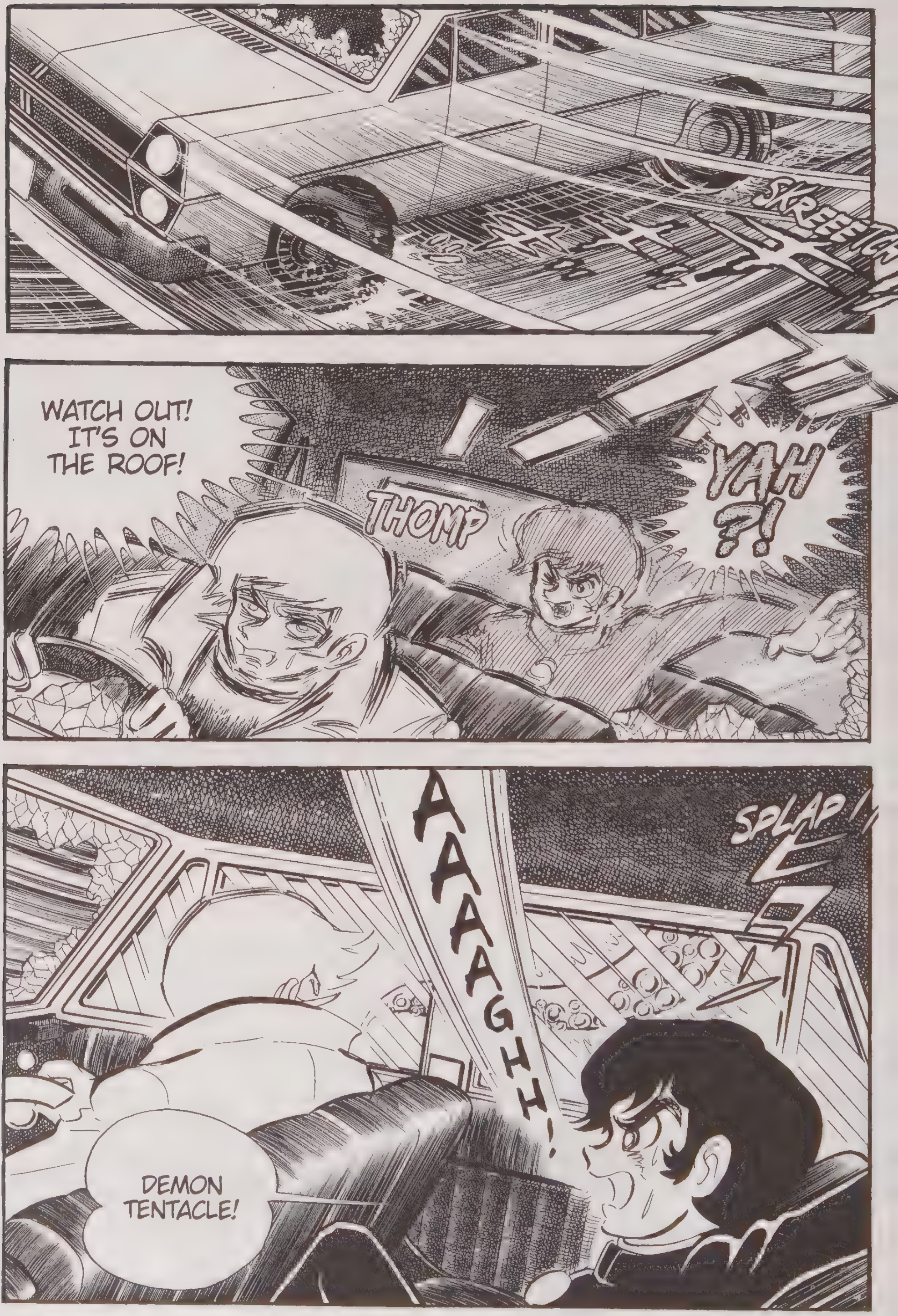

VRROO
URRK
WUNK
WUNK
WUNK
WUNK
WHAT ?!

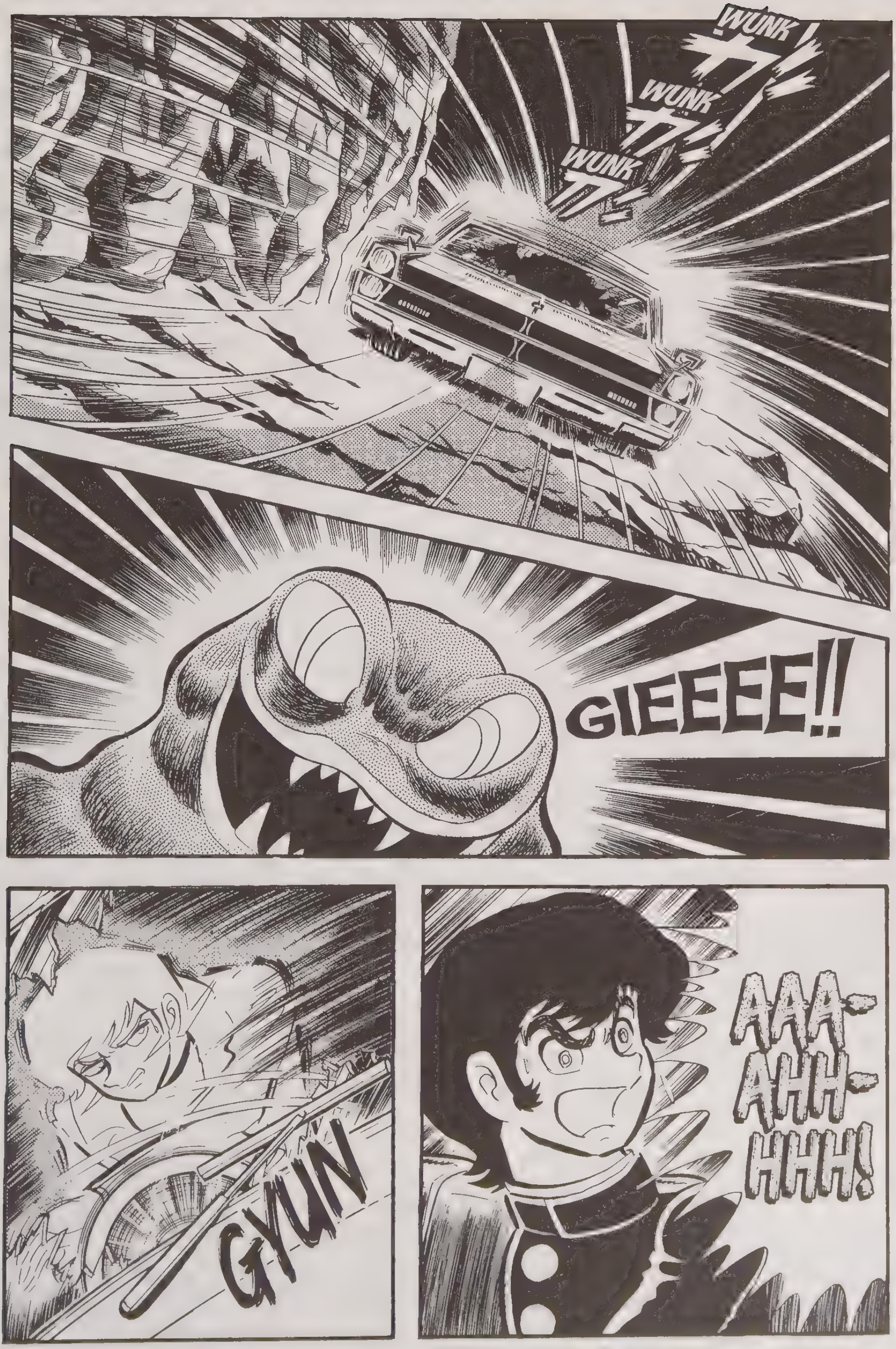

WE GOTTA GUN IT!
SKREETCH
WUNK
WUNK
WUNK
VROOOM


SHREEEEE!
KRIIISH
THE WINDSHIELD BROKE!
ULTRASONIC WAVES.


NREEGH!!
VROOOOM
WUNK
WUNK
WUNK

GIYRAAAAH!!


SKREEEEIC
WATCH OUT! IT'S ON THE ROOF!
THOMP
YAH ?!
AAAAGHH!
SPLAP
DEMON TENTACLE!


WUNK
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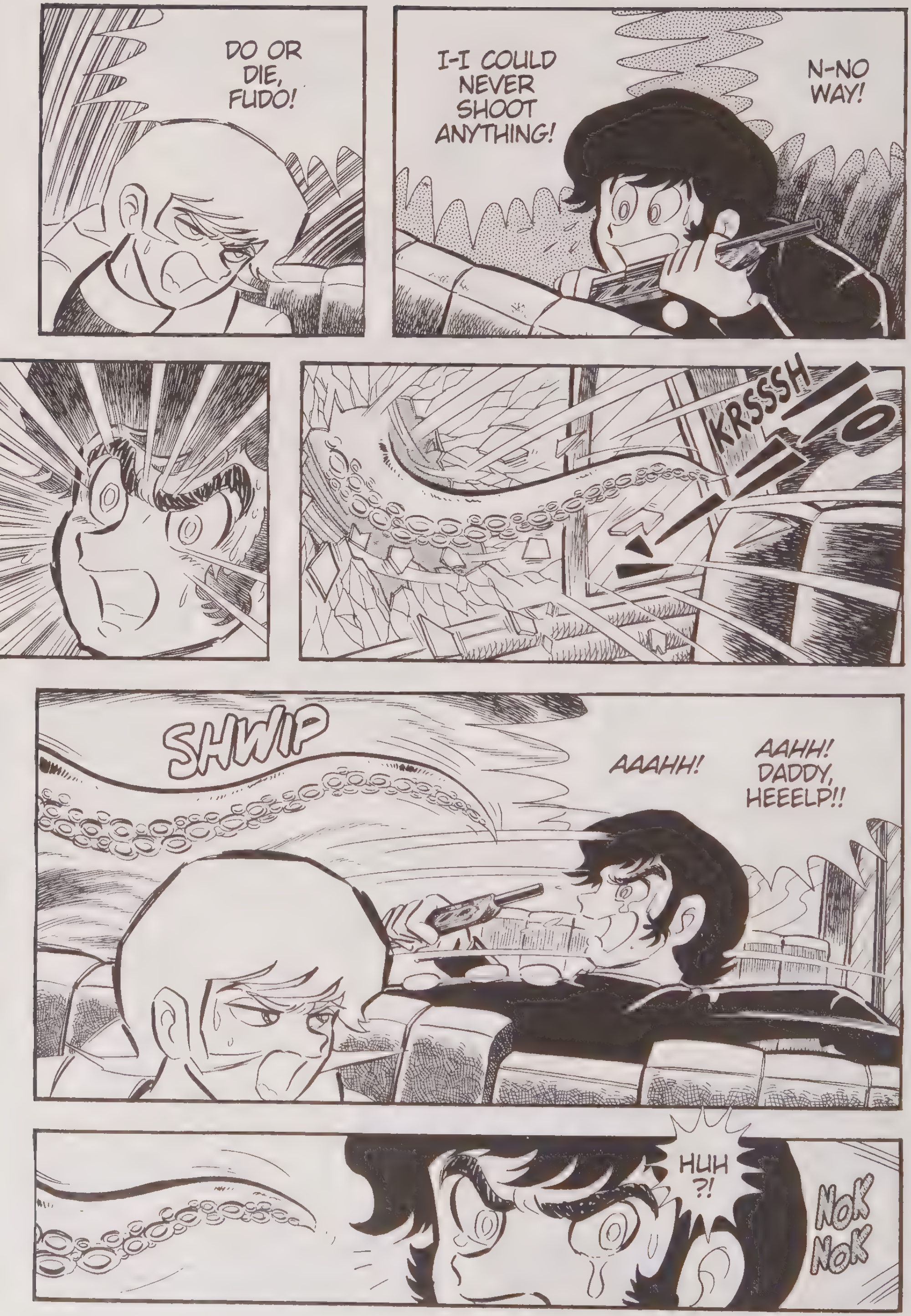
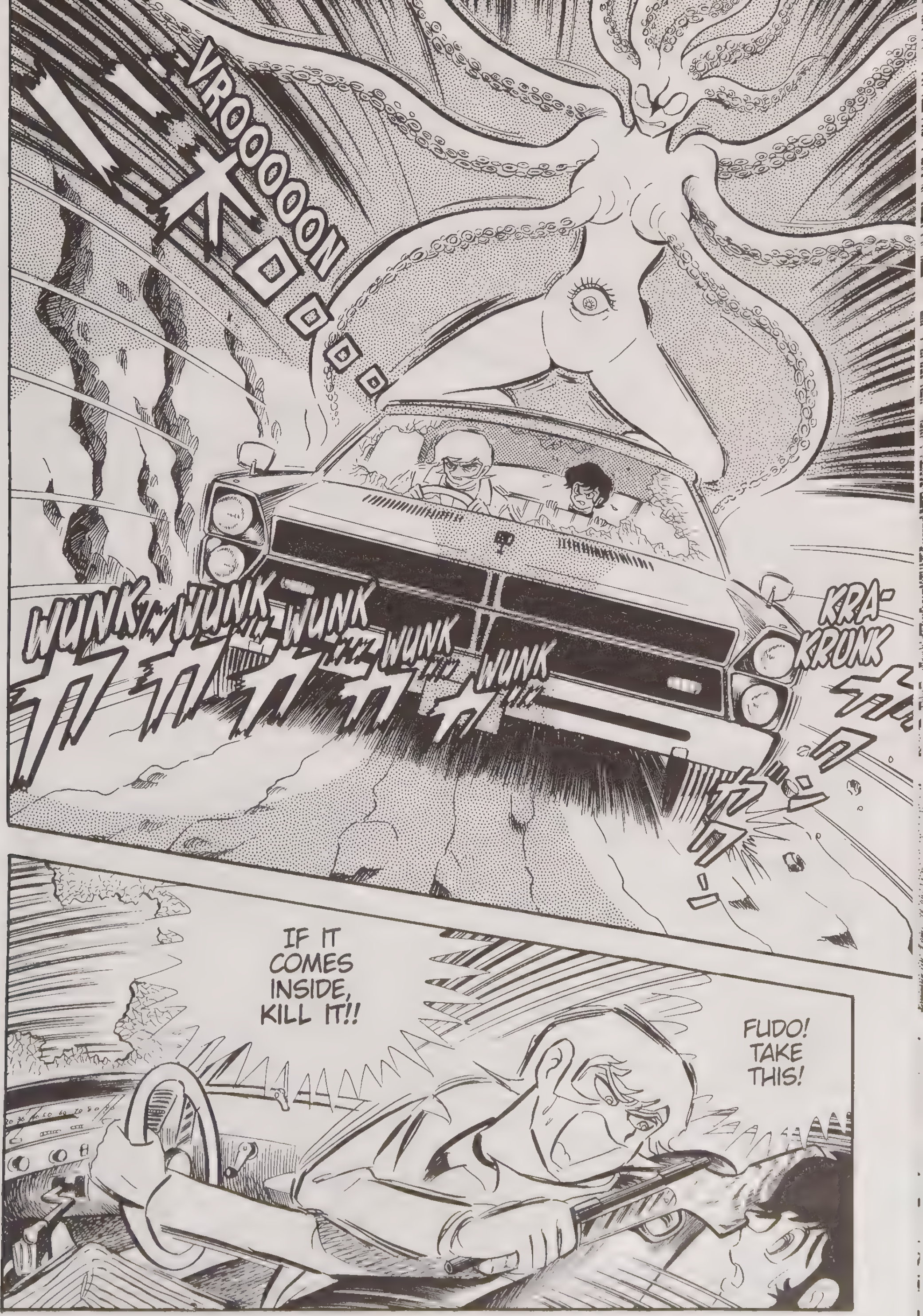
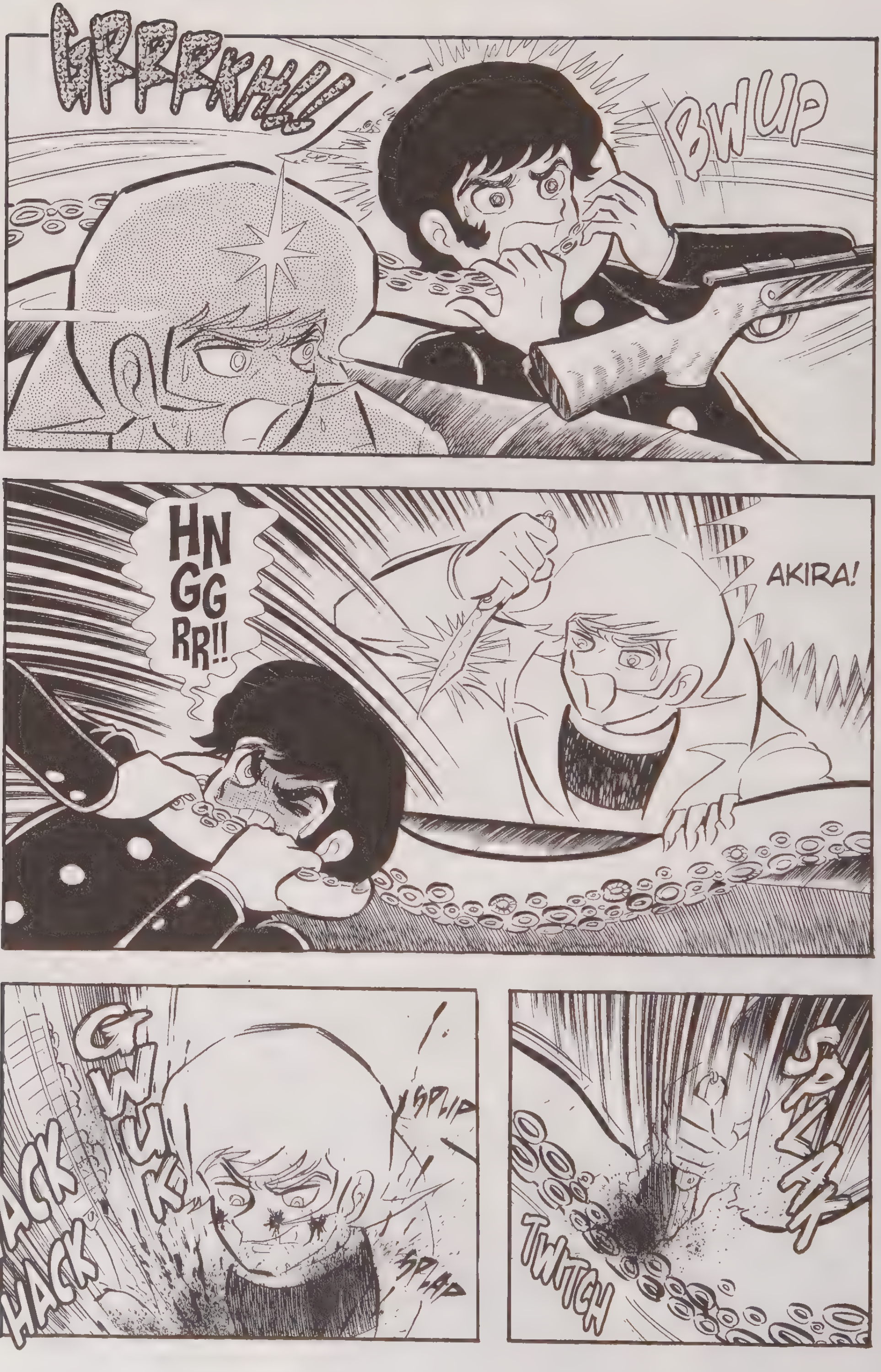
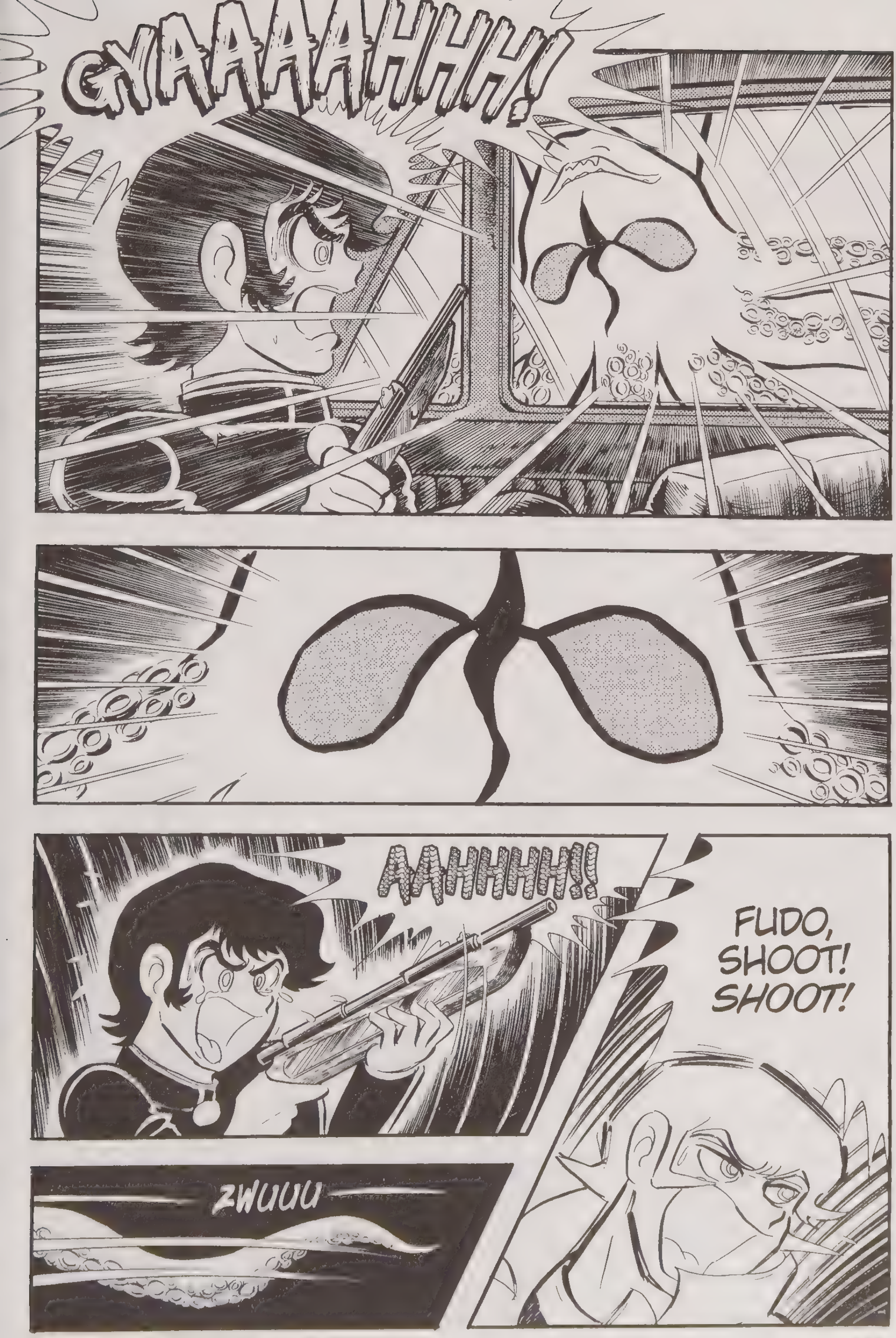
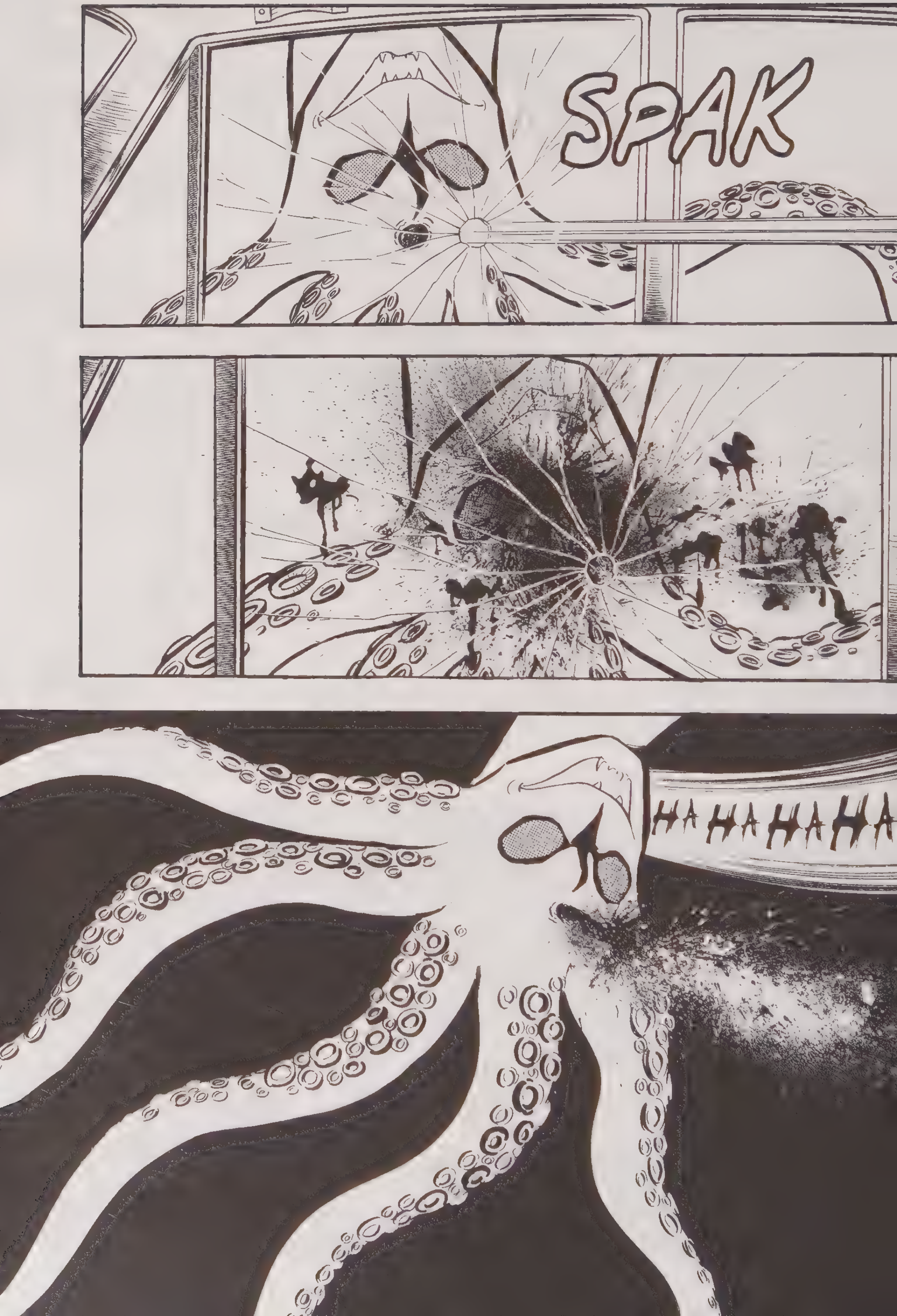
GIEEEEE!!
AAA-AHH-HHH!
GYUN

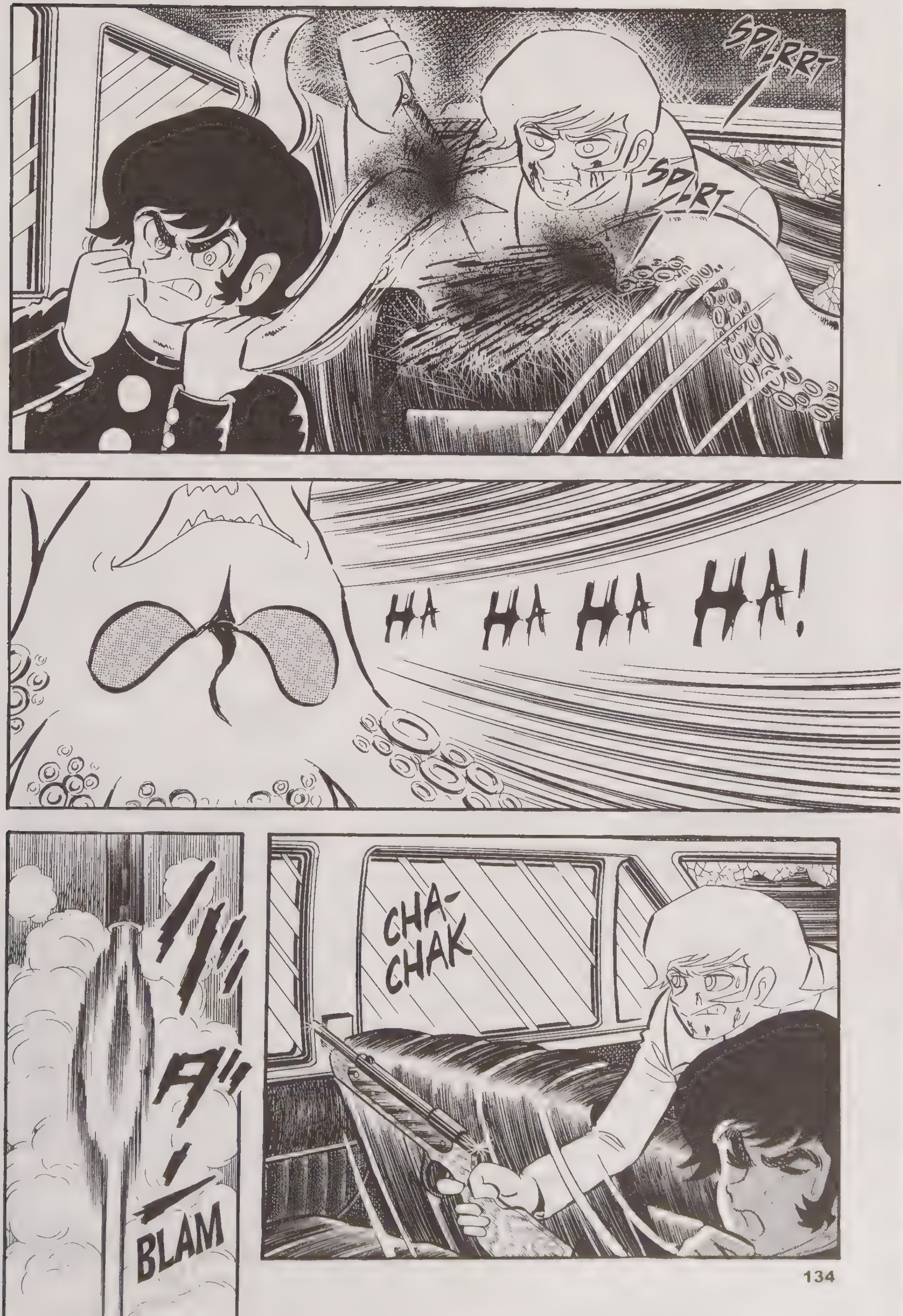

N-NO WAY!
I-I COULD NEVER SHOOT ANYTHING!
DO OR DIE, FUDO!
KRSSSH
SHWIP
AAHH! DADDY, HEEELP!!
AAAHH!
NOK NOK
HUH ?!

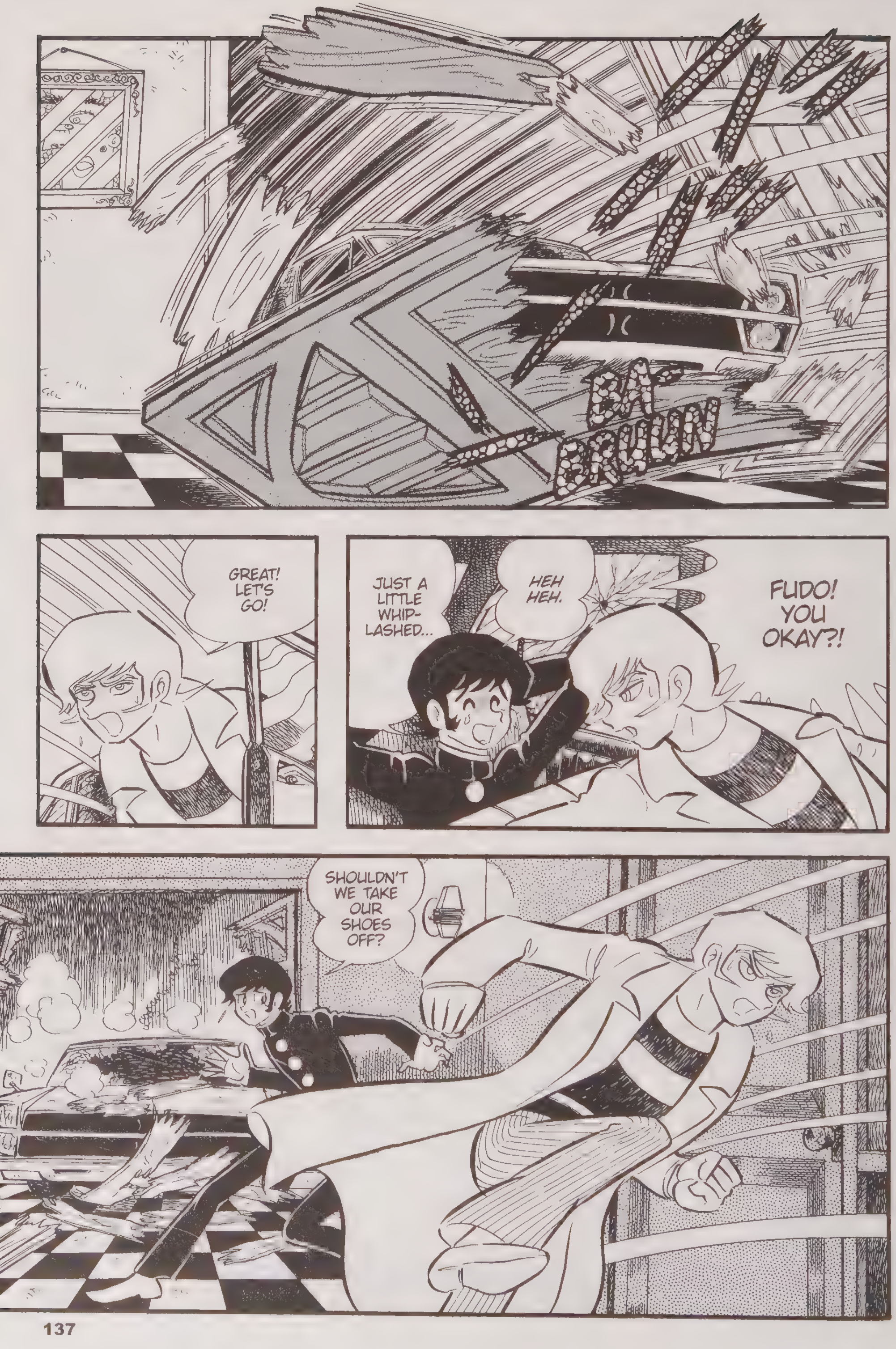

VROOOOOON
KRA-KRUNK
WUNK WUNK WUNK WUNK WUNK
FUDO! TAKE THIS!
IF IT COMES INSIDE, KILL IT!!

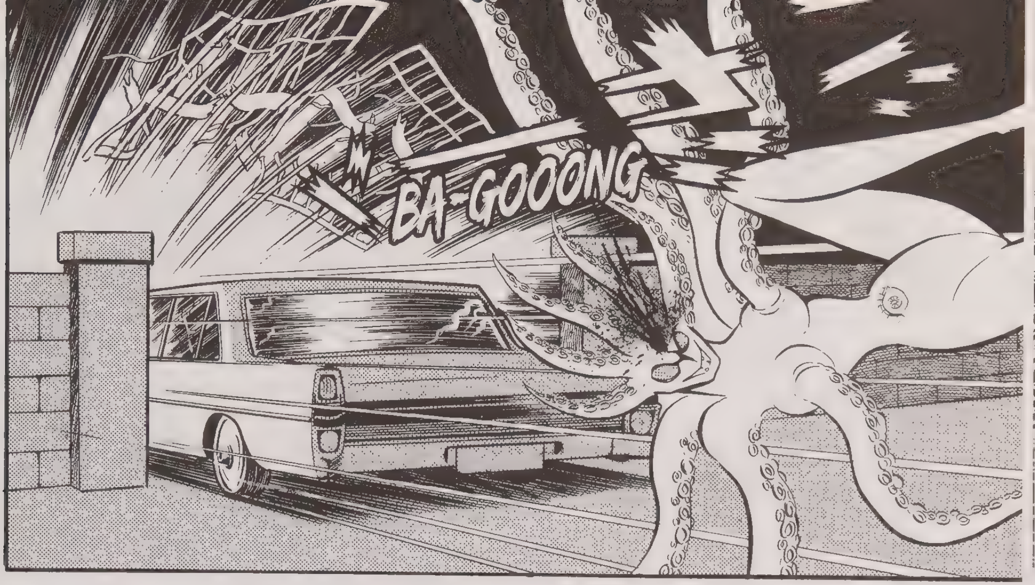

BWUP
GRRRKH!!
AKIRA!
HNGGRR!!
SPLAK
TWITCH
GWUK
SPLIP
SPLAD
HACK HACK


GYAAAAHHH!
AAHHHH!
FUDO, SHOOT! SHOOT!
ZWUUU


SPAK
HA HA HA HA


SPLRRT
SPLRT
HA HA HA HA!
CHA-CHAK
ダ!
BLAM


BA BRUUN
FUDO! YOU OKAY?!
HEH HEH.
JUST A LITTLE WHIP-LASHED...
GREAT! LET'S GO!
SHOULDN'T WE TAKE OUR SHOES OFF?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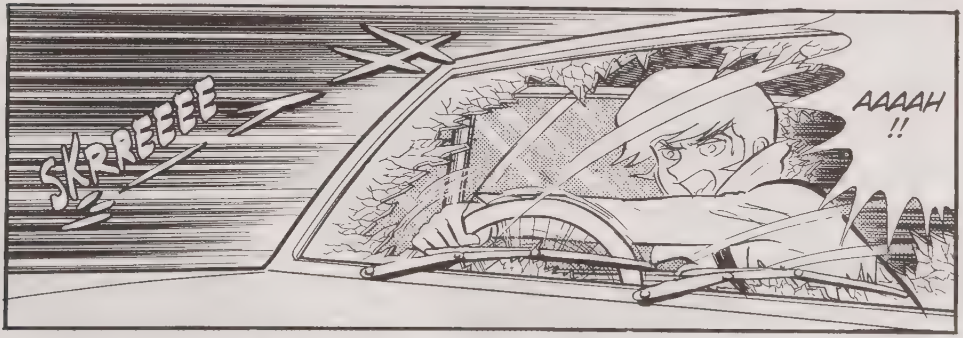
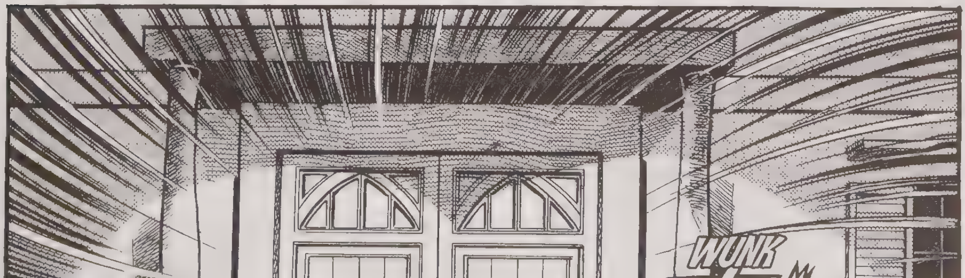
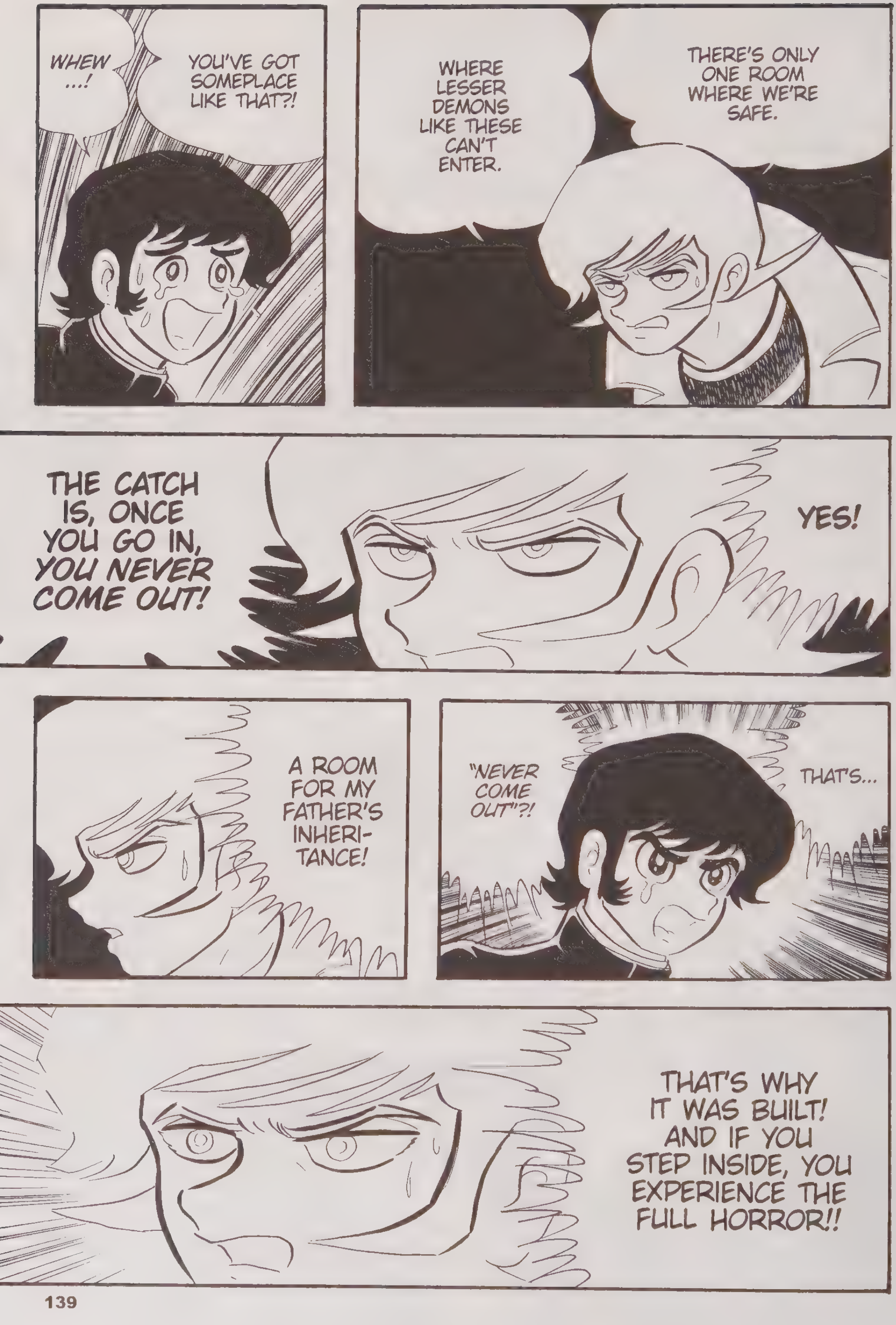
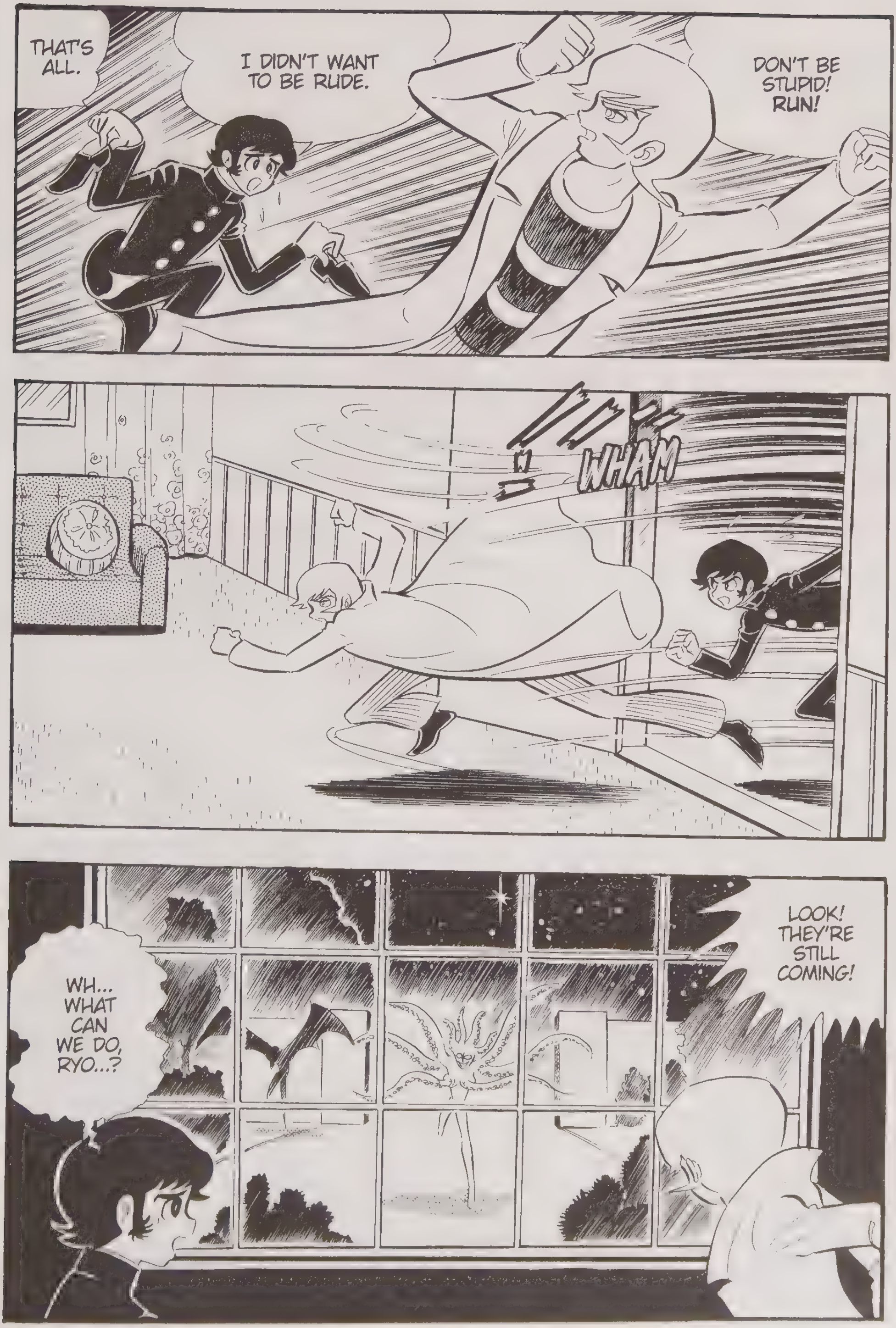
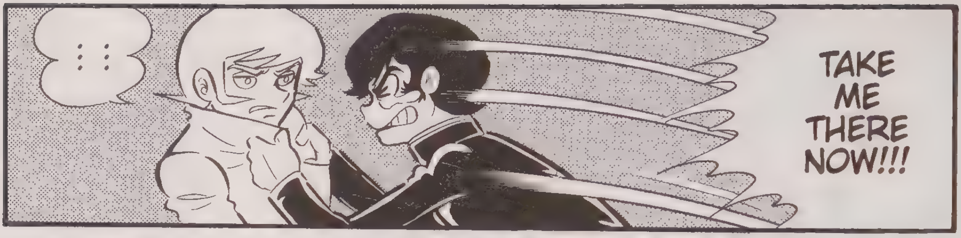

AAAAH !!
SKRREEEE


WUNK
WUNK
WUNK


THERE'S ONLY ONE ROOM WHERE WE'RE SAFE.
WHERE LESSER DEMONS LIKE THESE CAN'T ENTER.
YOU'VE GOT SOMEPLACE LIKE THAT?!
WHEW ...!
YES!
THE CATCH IS, ONCE YOU GO IN, *YOU NEVER COME OUT!*
THAT'S...
"NEVER COME OUT"?!
A ROOM FOR MY FATHER'S INHERITANCE!
THAT'S WHY IT WAS BUILT! AND IF YOU STEP INSIDE, YOU EXPERIENCE THE FULL HORROR!!


DON'T BE STUPID! RUN!
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE RUDE.
THAT'S ALL.
WHAM
LOOK! THEY'RE STILL COMING!
WH... WHAT CAN WE DO, RYO...?


TAKE ME THERE NOW!!!
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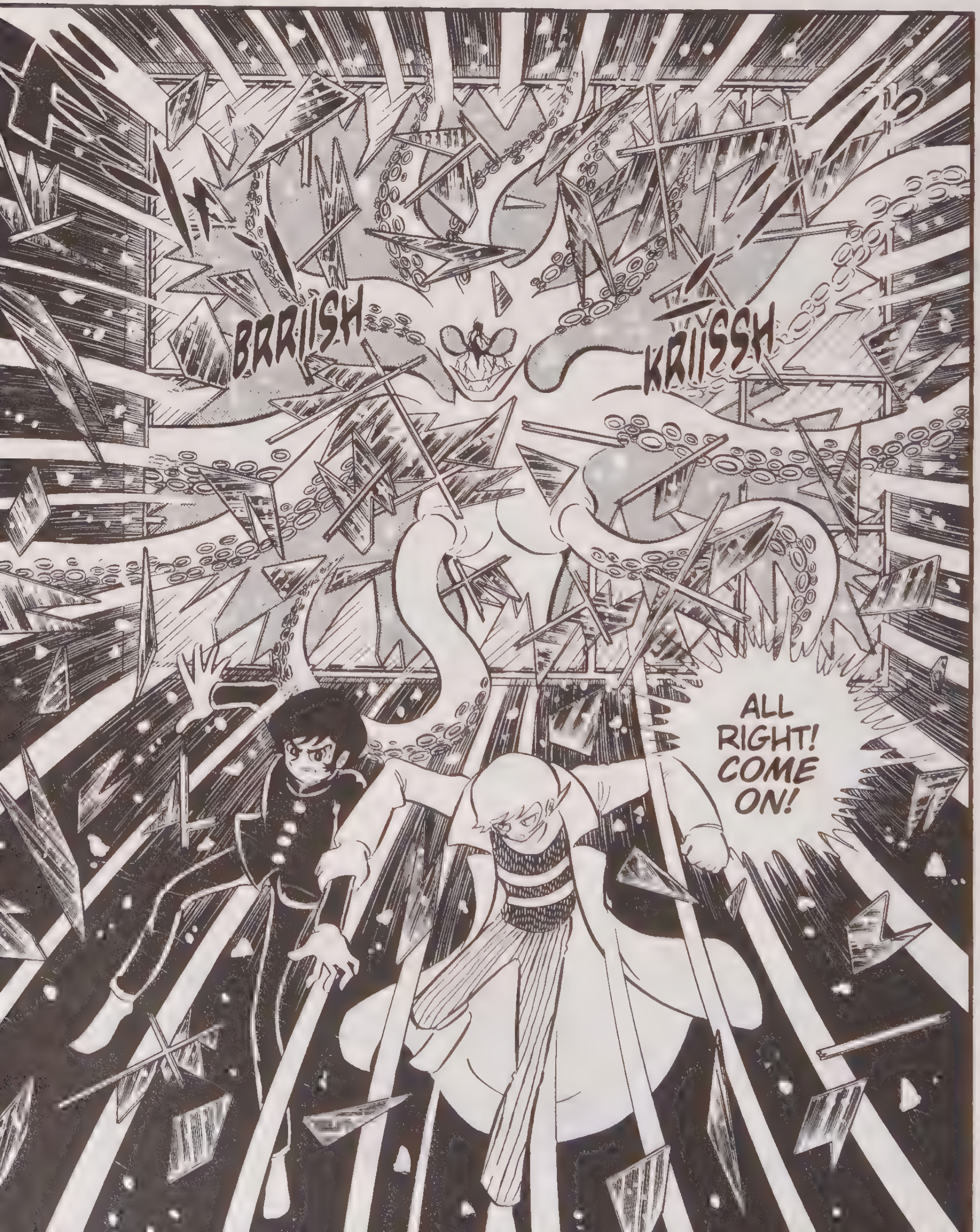
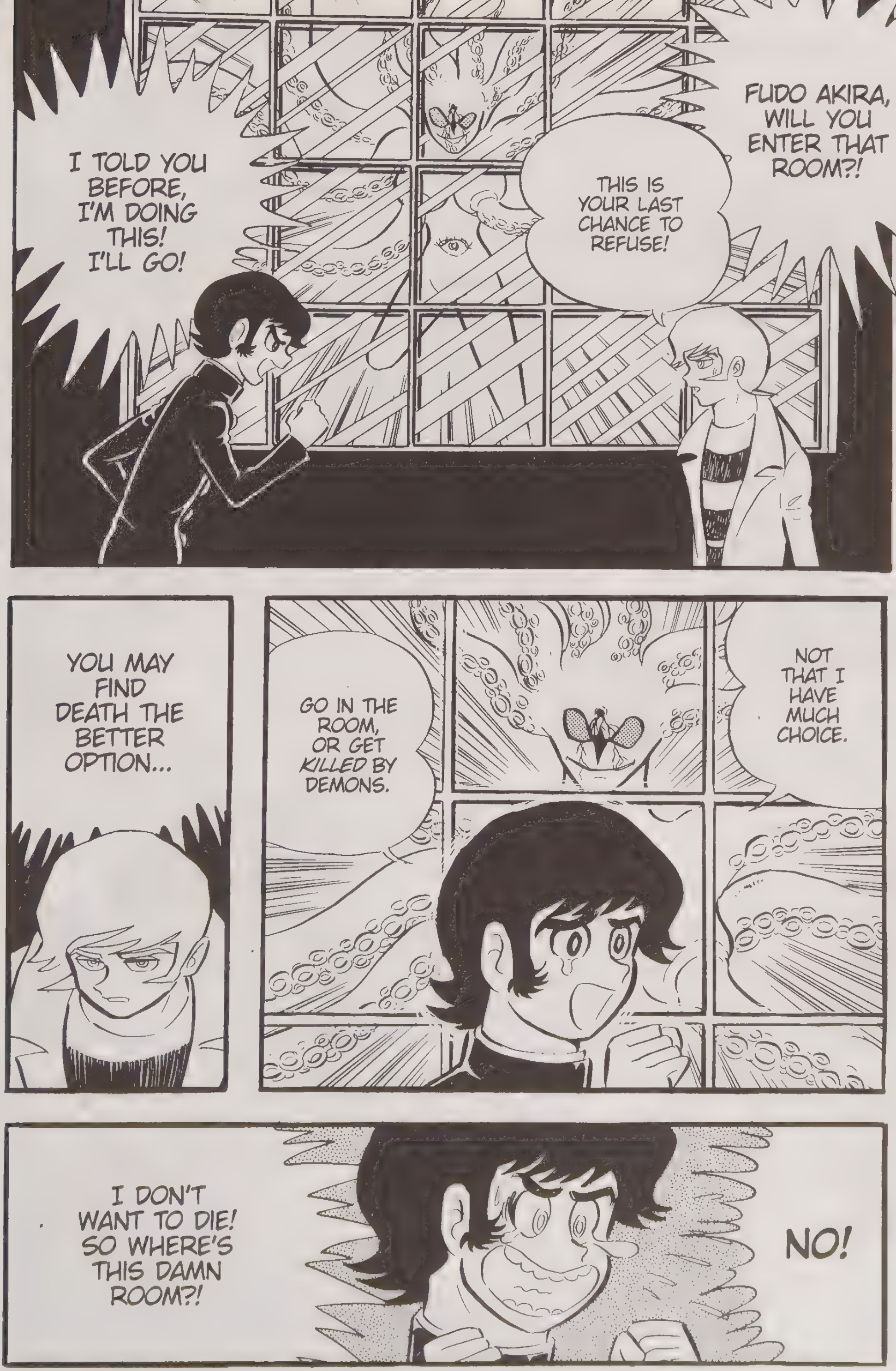
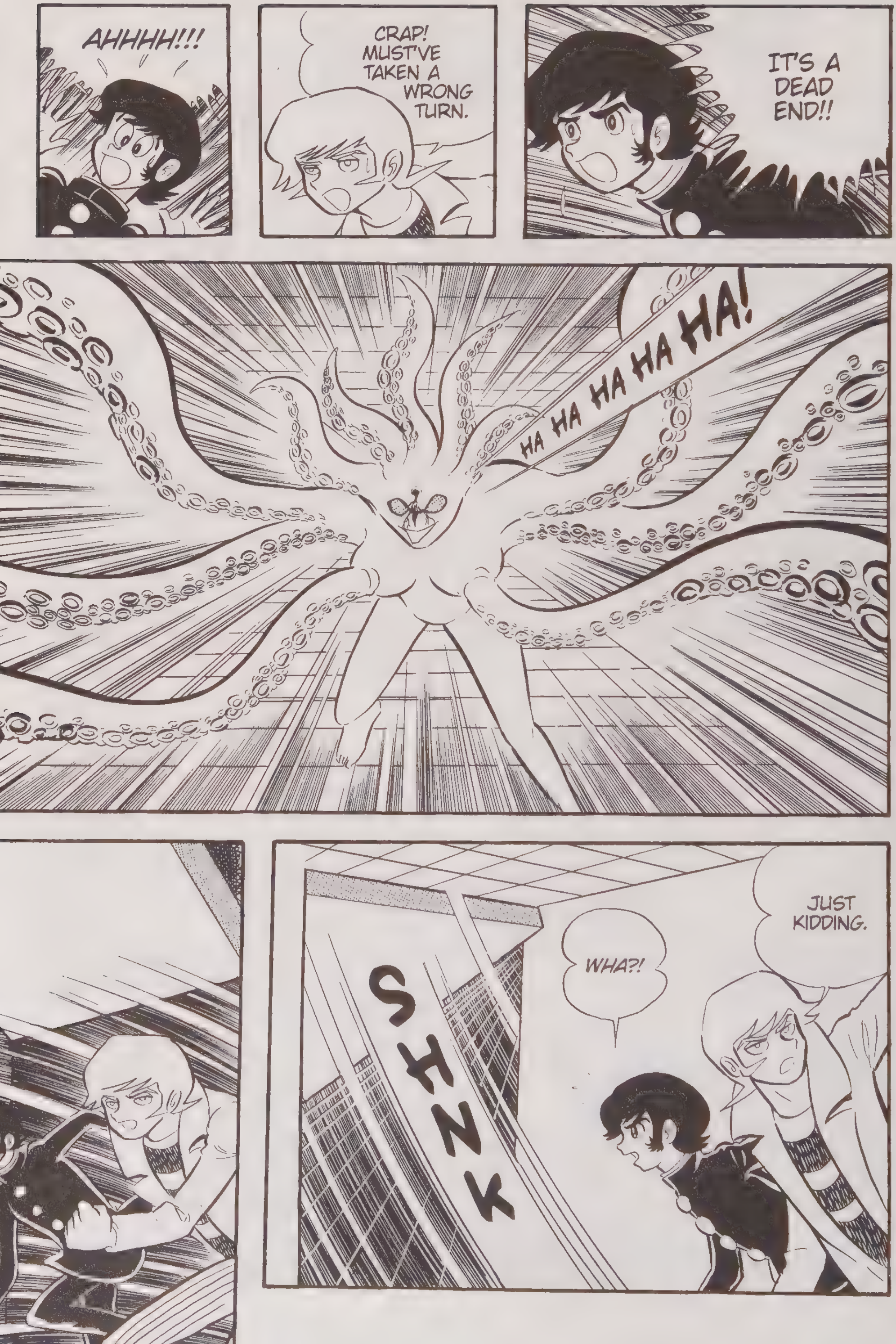
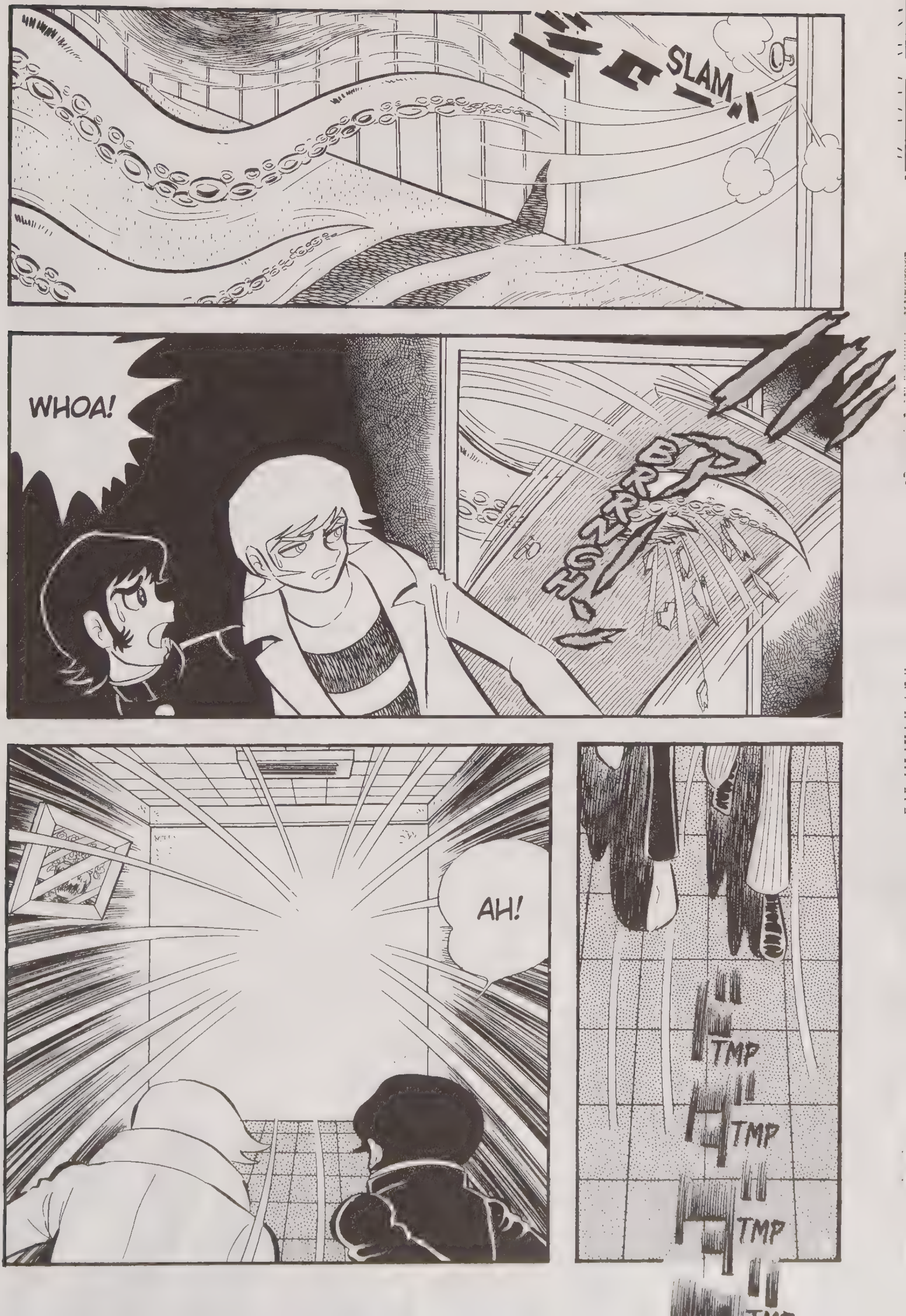
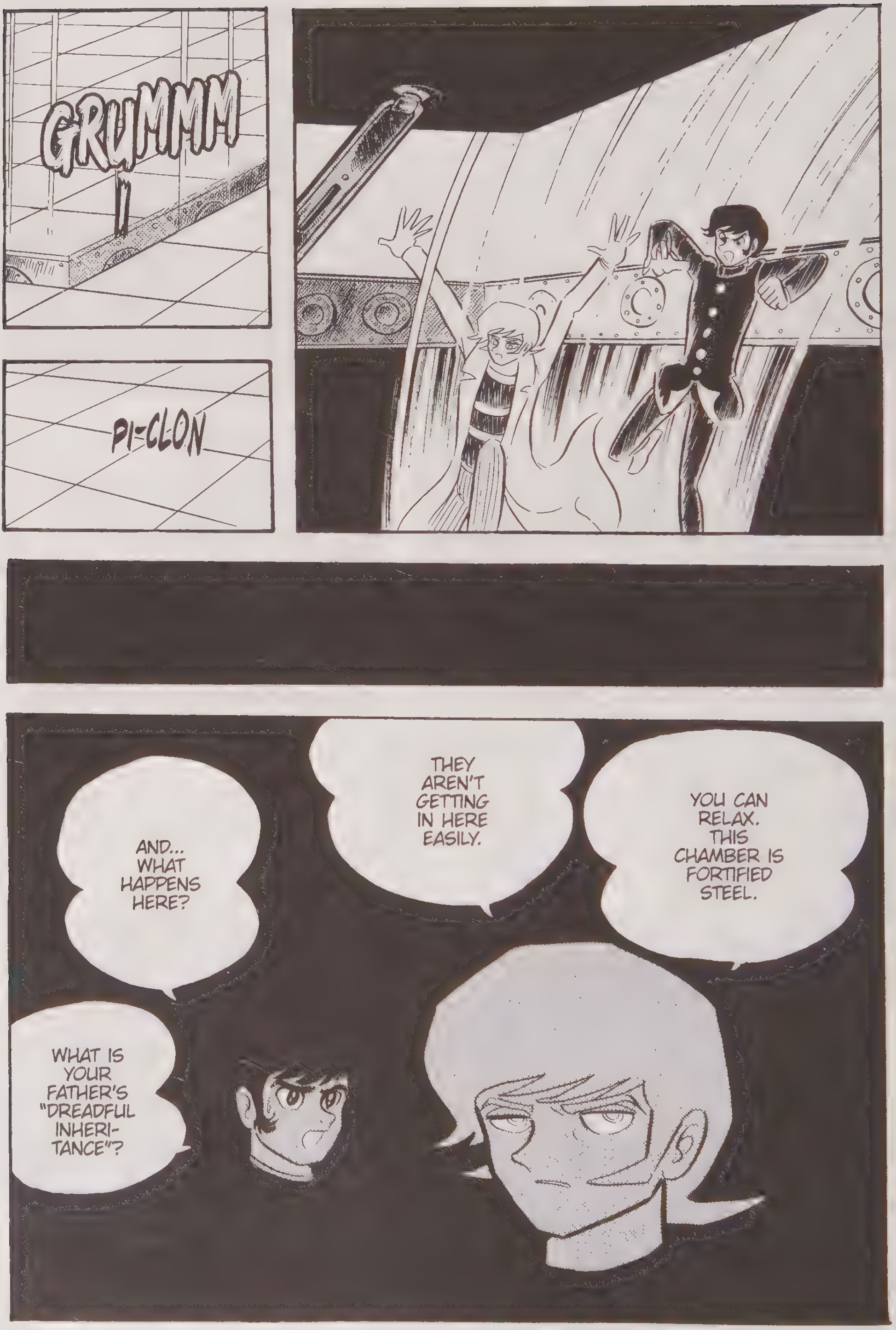
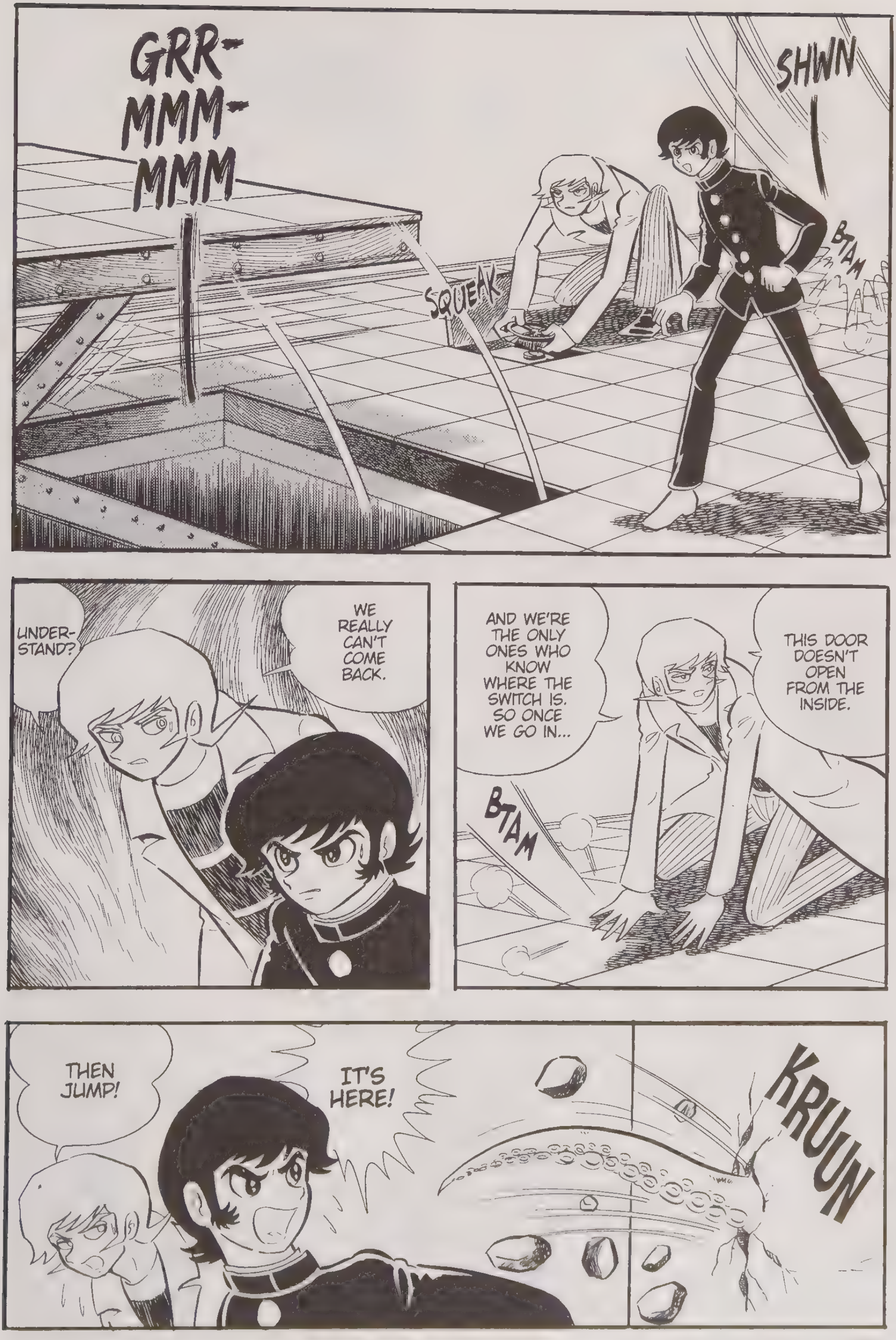

KRIISSH
BRRIISH
ALL RIGHT! COME ON!

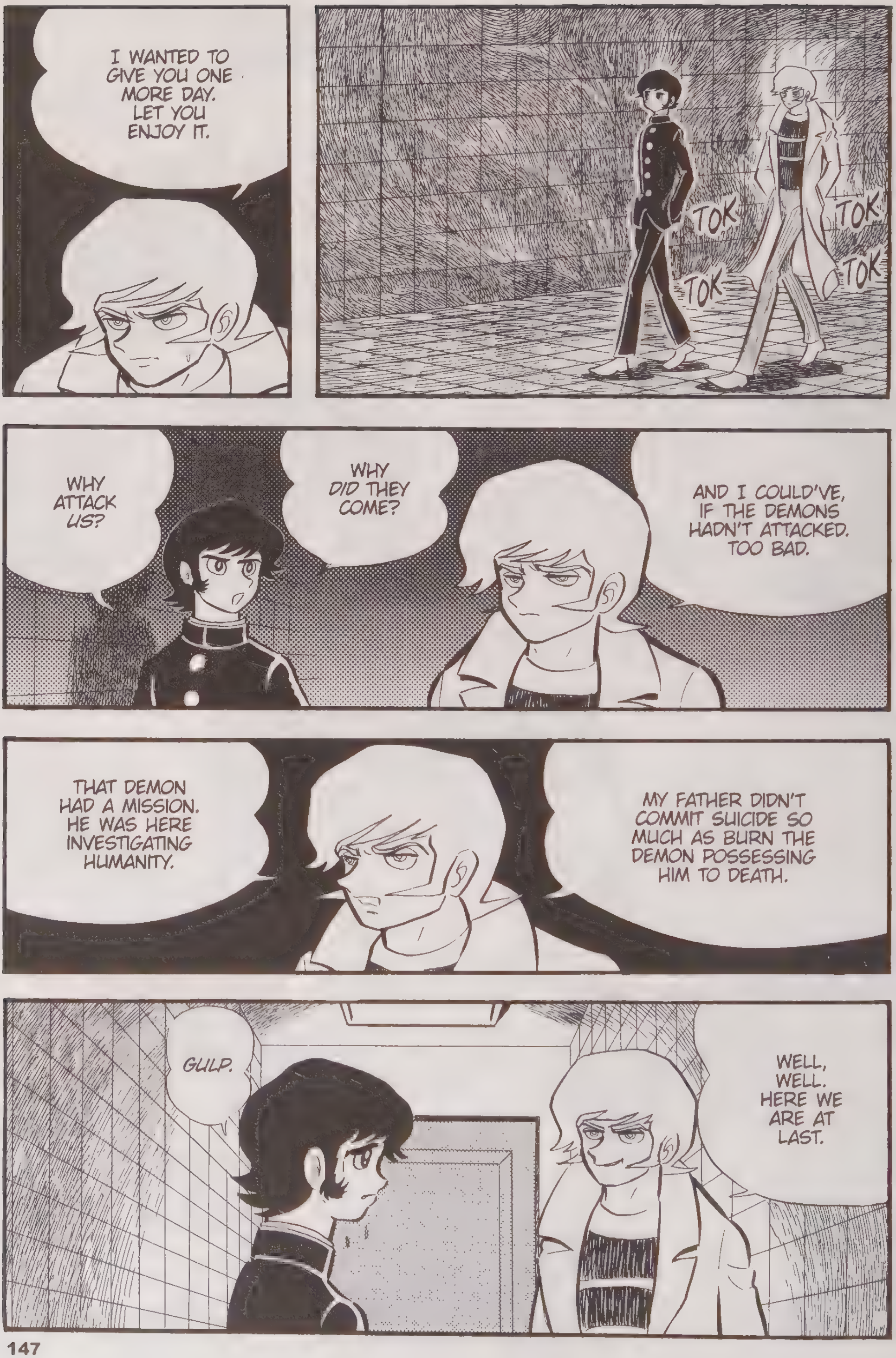

FUDO AKIRA, WILL YOU ENTER THAT ROOM?!
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO REFUSE!
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, I'M DOING THIS! I'LL GO!
NOT THAT I HAVE MUCH CHOICE.
GO IN THE ROOM, OR GET *KILLED* BY DEMONS.
YOU MAY FIND DEATH THE BETTER OPTION...
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE! SO WHERE'S THIS DAMN ROOM?!

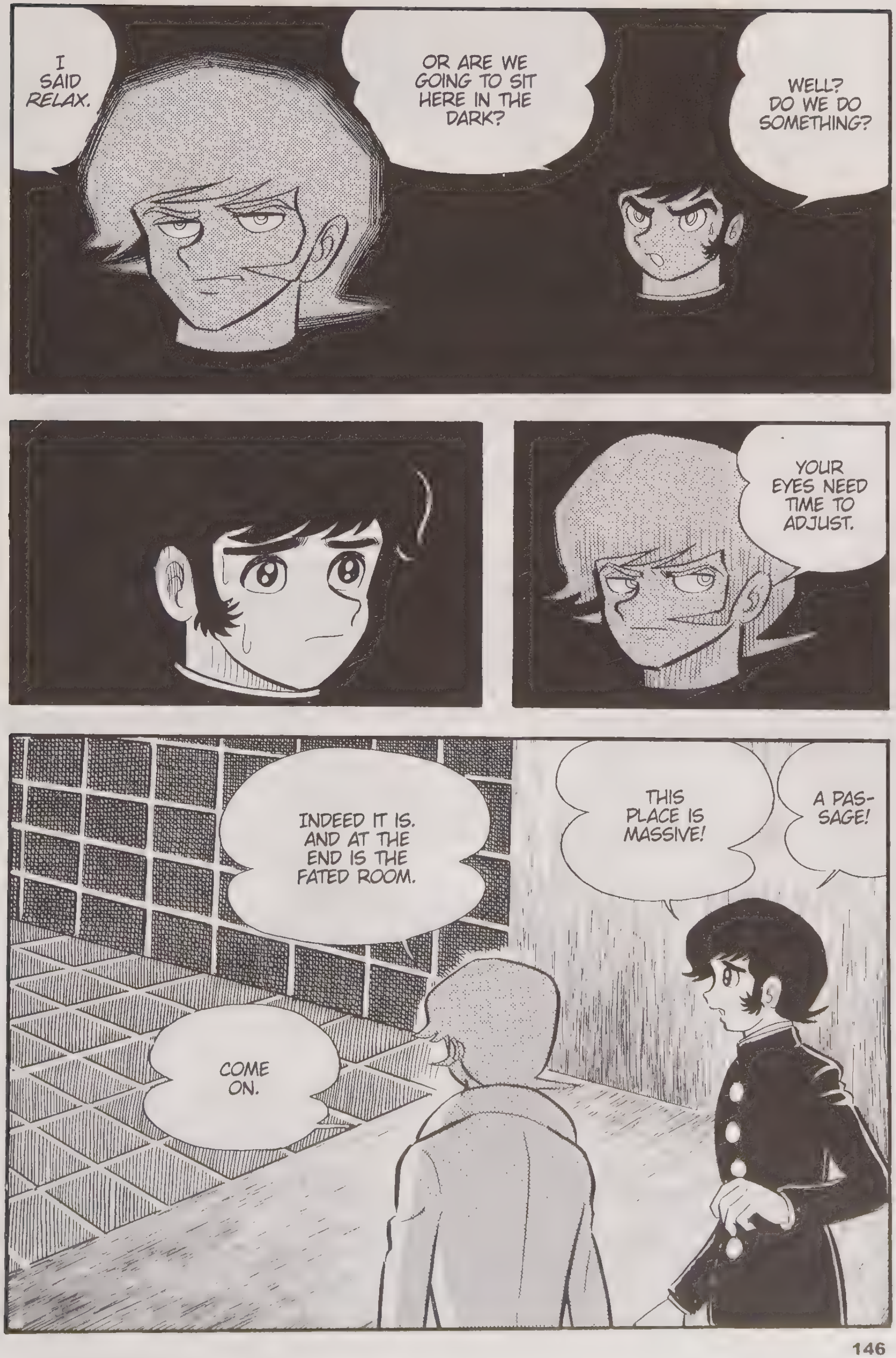

IT'S A DEAD END!!
CRAP! MUST'VE TAKEN A WRONG TURN.
AHHHH!!!
HA HA HA HA HA!
JUST KIDDING.
WHA?!
SHNK

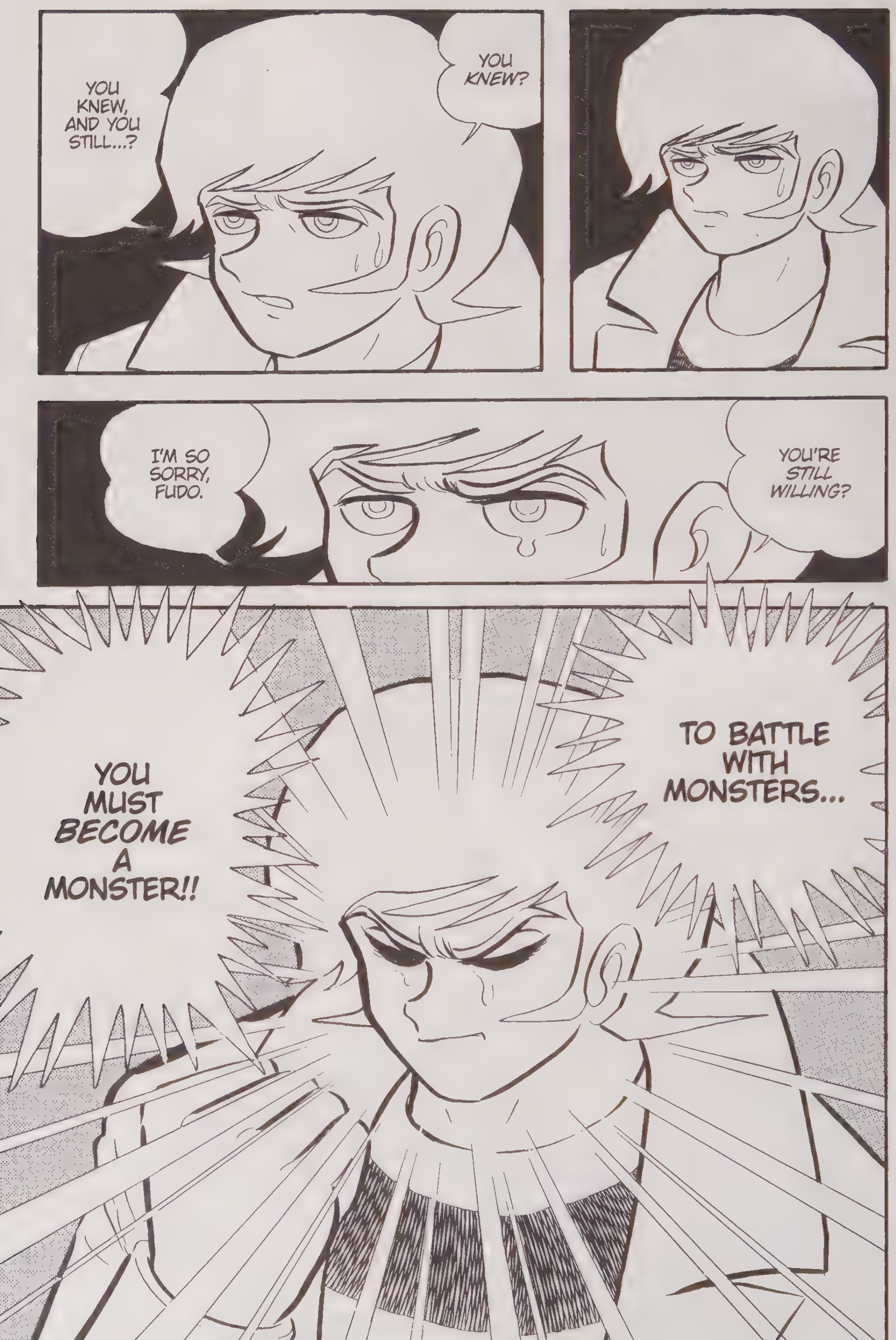

SLAM
BRRNCH
WHOA!
TMP
TMP
TMP
AH!

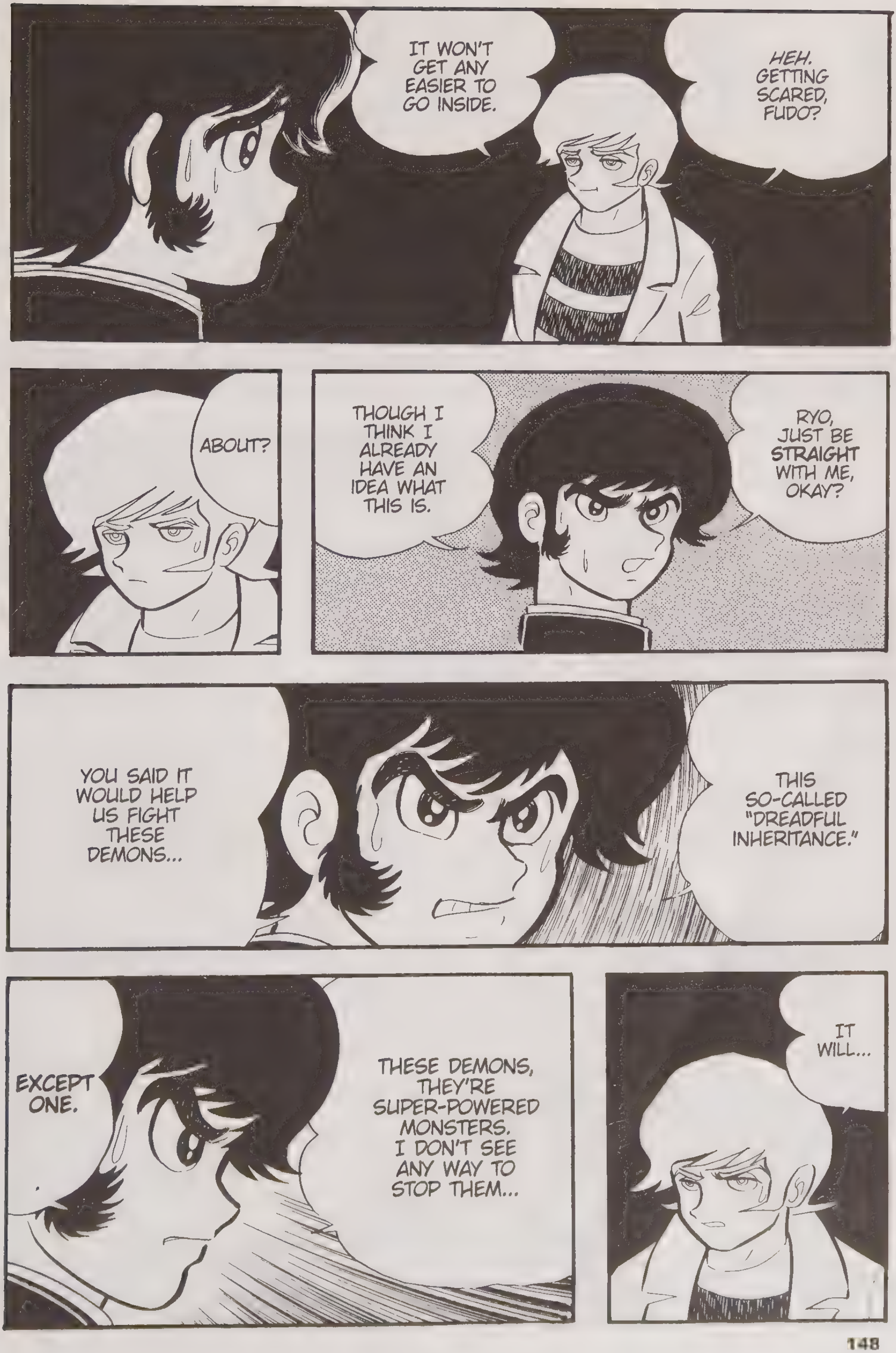

GRUMMM
PI-CLON
YOU CAN RELAX. THIS CHAMBER IS FORTIFIED STEEL.
THEY AREN'T GETTING IN HERE EASILY.
AND... WHAT HAPPENS HERE?
WHAT IS YOUR FATHER'S "DREADFUL INHERITANCE"?

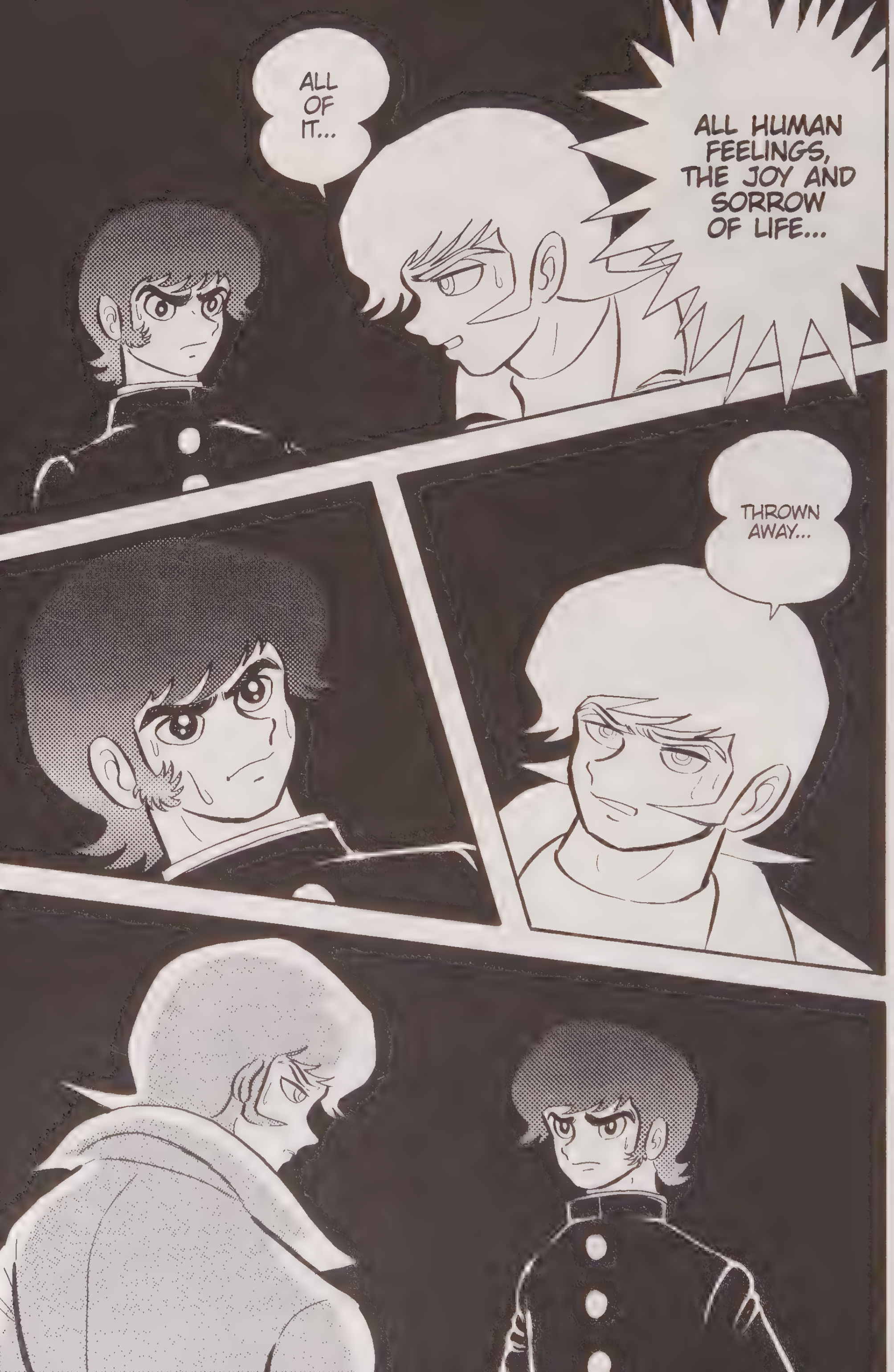

SHWN
BTAM
SQUEAK
GRR-MMM-MMM
THIS DOOR DOESN'T OPEN FROM THE INSIDE.
AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW WHERE THE SWITCH IS. SO ONCE WE GO IN...
BTAM
WE REALLY CAN'T COME BACK.
UNDER-STAND?
KRUUN
IT'S HERE!
THEN JUMP!

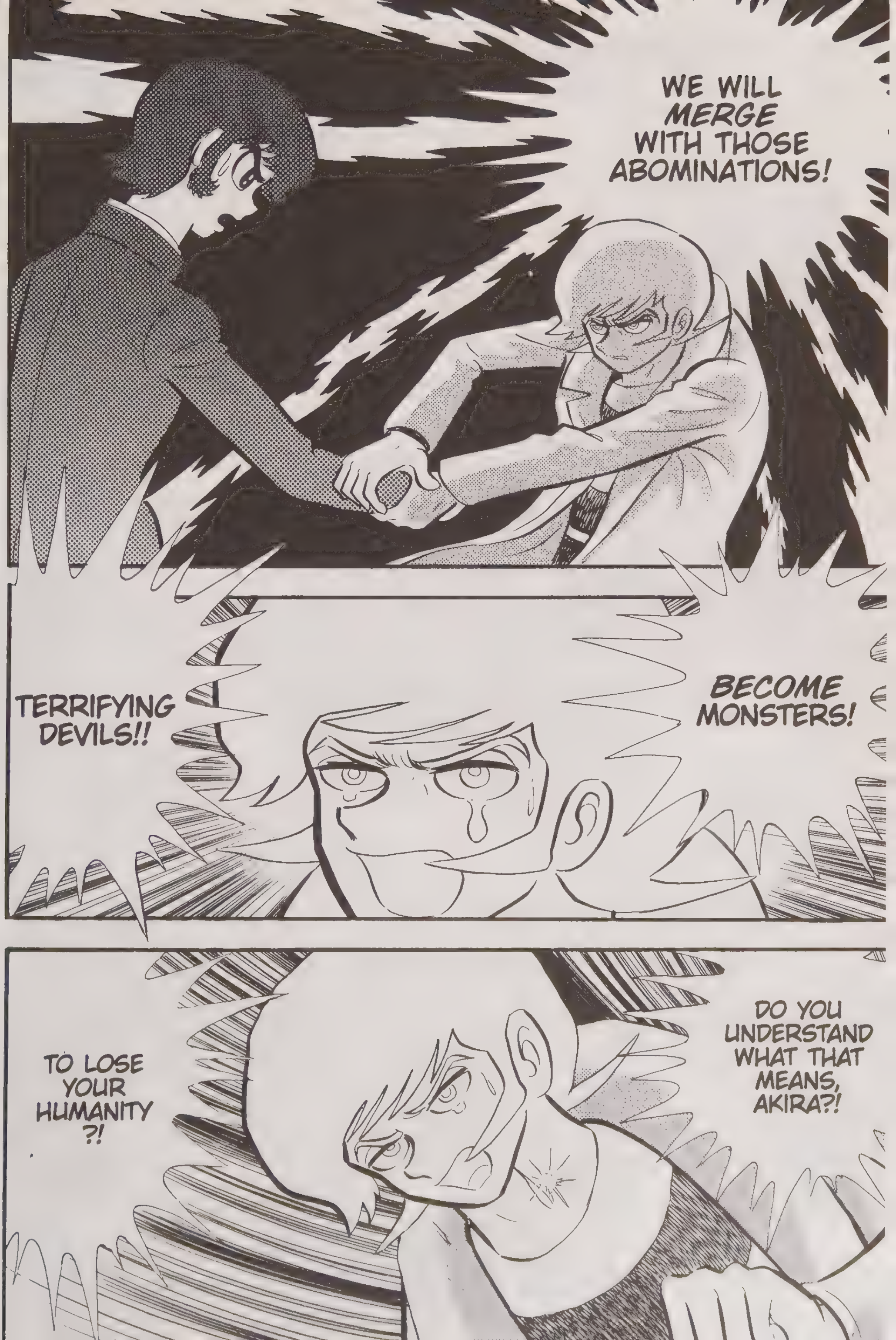

TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
I WANTED TO GIVE YOU ONE MORE DAY. LET YOU ENJOY IT.
AND I COULD'VE, IF THE DEMONS HADN'T ATTACKED. TOO BAD.
WHY DID THEY COME?
WHY ATTACK US?
MY FATHER DIDN'T COMMIT SUICIDE SO MUCH AS BURN THE DEMON POSSESSING HIM TO DEATH.
THAT DEMON HAD A MISSION. HE WAS HERE INVESTIGATING HUMANITY.
WELL, WELL. HERE WE ARE AT LAST.
GULP.

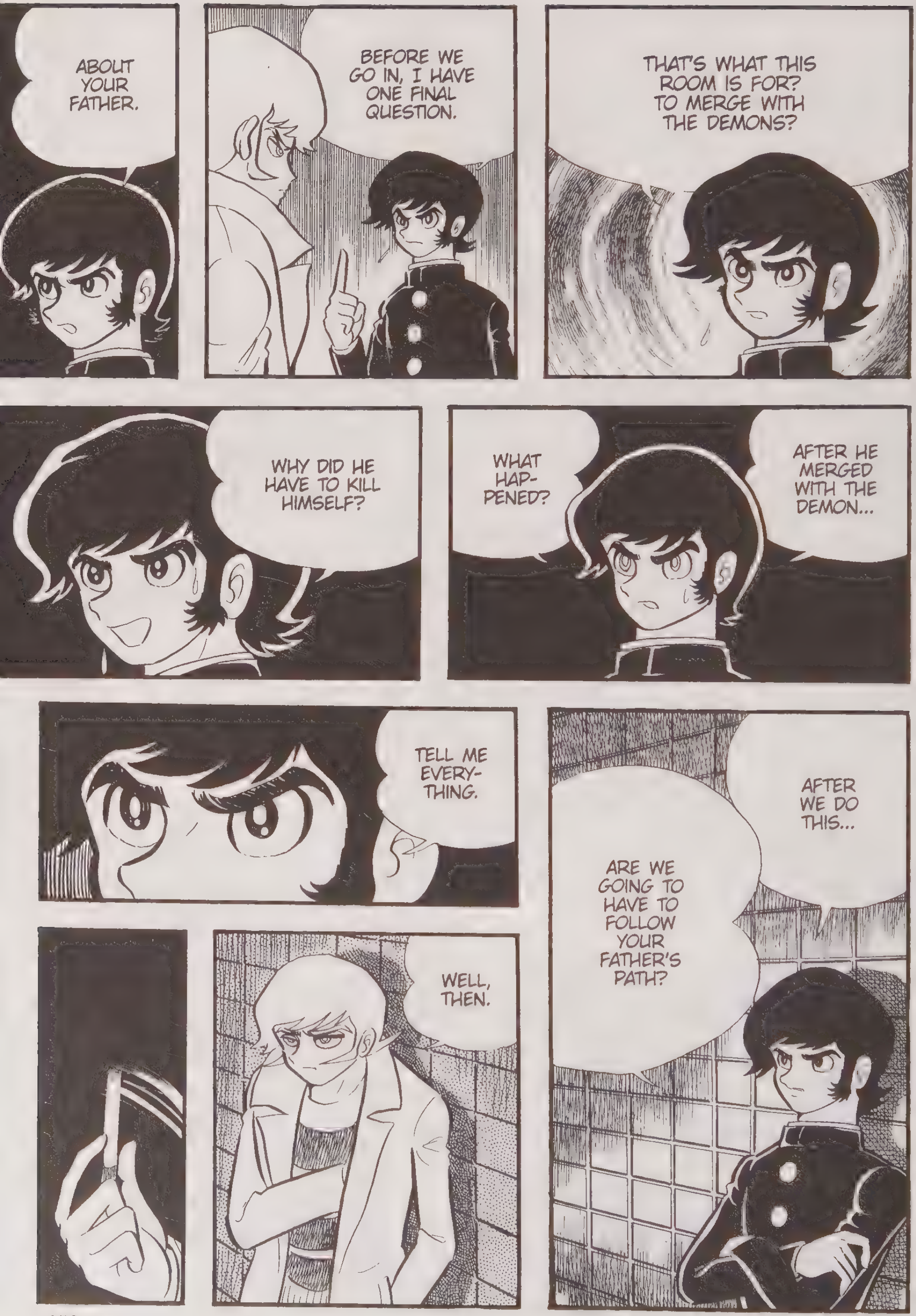

WELL? DO WE DO SOMETHING?
OR ARE WE GOING TO SIT HERE IN THE DARK?
I SAID RELAX.
YOUR EYES NEED TIME TO ADJUST.
A PASSAGE!
THIS PLACE IS MASSIVE!
INDEED IT IS. AND AT THE END IS THE FATED ROOM.
COME ON.

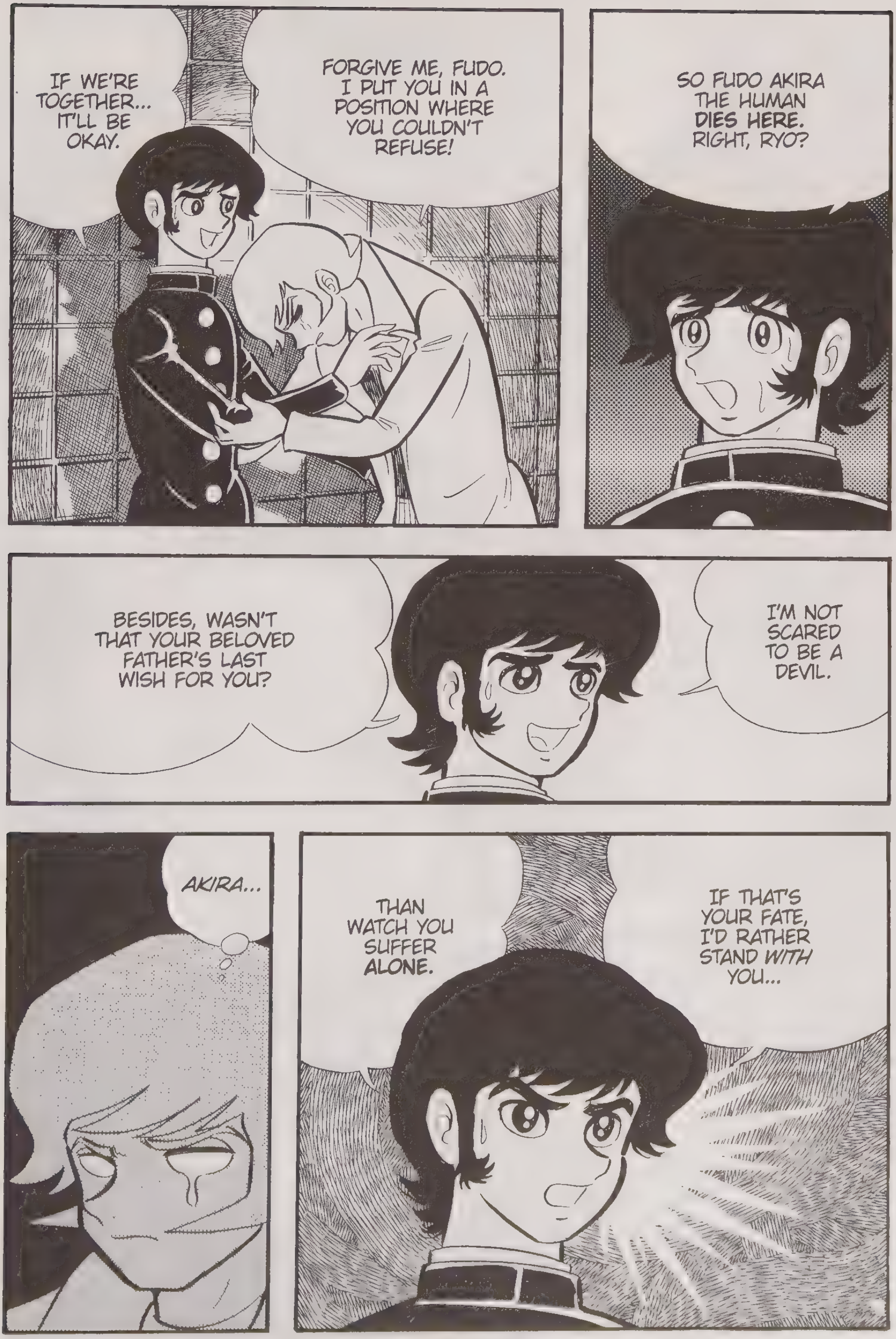

YOU KNEW?
YOU KNEW, AND YOU STILL...?
YOU'RE STILL WILLING?
I'M SO SORRY, FUDO.
TO BATTLE WITH MONSTERS...
YOU MUST BECOME A MONSTER!!

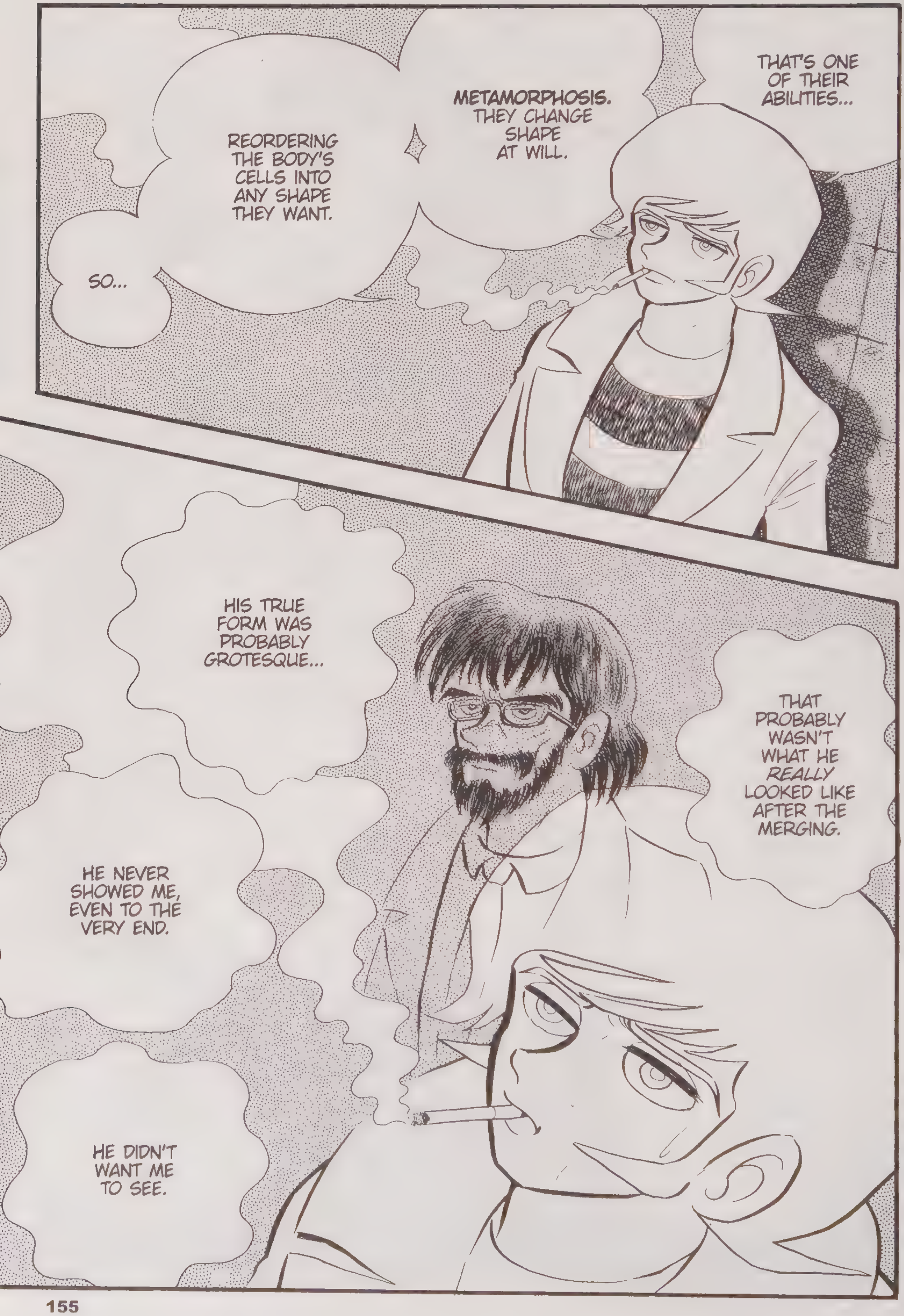

HEH. GETTING SCARED, FUDO?
IT WON'T GET ANY EASIER TO GO INSIDE.
RYO, JUST BE **STRAIGHT** WITH ME, OKAY?
THOUGH I THINK I ALREADY HAVE AN IDEA WHAT THIS IS.
ABOUT?
THIS SO-CALLED "DREADFUL INHERITANCE."
YOU SAID IT WOULD HELP US FIGHT THESE DEMONS...
IT WILL...
THESE DEMONS, THEY'RE SUPER-POWERED MONSTERS. I DON'T SEE ANY WAY TO STOP THEM...
EXCEPT ONE.

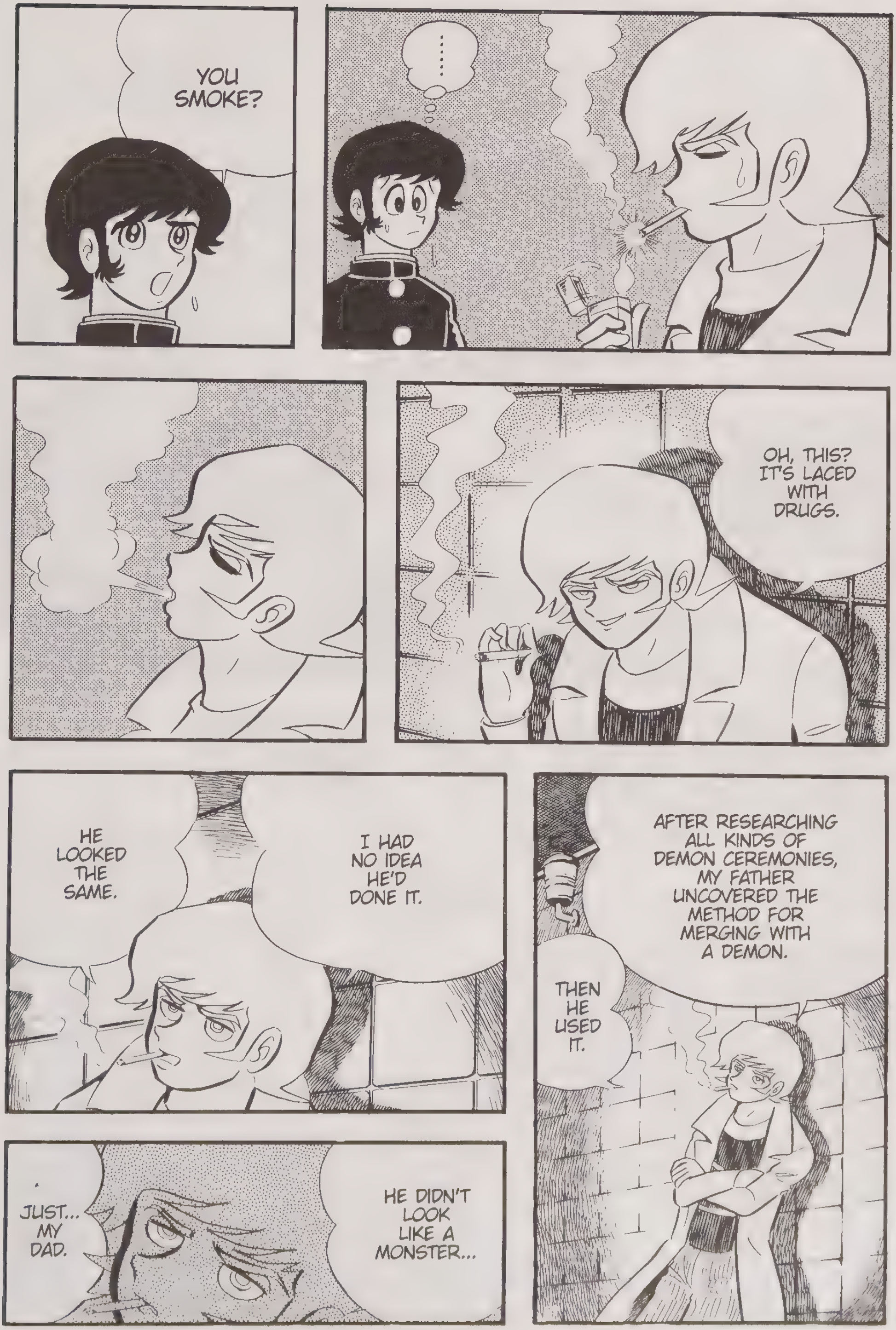

ALL HUMAN FEELINGS, THE JOY AND SORROW OF LIFE...
ALL OF IT...
THROWN AWAY...


WE WILL *MERGE* WITH THOSE ABOMINATIONS!
BECOME MONSTERS!
TERRIFYING DEVILS!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS, AKIRA?!
TO LOSE YOUR HUMANITY ?!


THAT'S WHAT THIS ROOM IS FOR? TO MERGE WITH THE DEMONS?
BEFORE WE GO IN, I HAVE ONE FINAL QUESTION.
ABOUT YOUR FATHER.
AFTER HE MERGED WITH THE DEMON...
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHY DID HE HAVE TO KILL HIMSELF?
AFTER WE DO THIS...
ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR FATHER'S PATH?
TELL ME EVERYTHING.
WELL, THEN.


SO FUDO AKIRA THE HUMAN **DIES HERE.** RIGHT, RYO?
FORGIVE ME, FUDO. I PUT YOU IN A POSITION WHERE YOU COULDN'T REFUSE!
IF WE'RE TOGETHER... IT'LL BE OKAY.
I'M NOT SCARED TO BE A DEVIL.
BESIDES, WASN'T THAT YOUR BELOVED FATHER'S LAST WISH FOR YOU?
IF THAT'S YOUR FATE, I'D RATHER STAND *WITH* YOU...
THAN WATCH YOU SUFFER **ALONE.**
AKIRA...


THAT'S ONE OF THEIR ABILITIES...
METAMORPHOSIS. THEY CHANGE SHAPE AT WILL.
REORDERING THE BODY'S CELLS INTO ANY SHAPE THEY WANT.
SO...
THAT PROBABLY WASN'T WHAT HE *REALLY* LOOKED LIKE AFTER THE MERGING.
HIS TRUE FORM WAS PROBABLY GROTESQUE...
HE NEVER SHOWED ME, EVEN TO THE VERY END.
HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE.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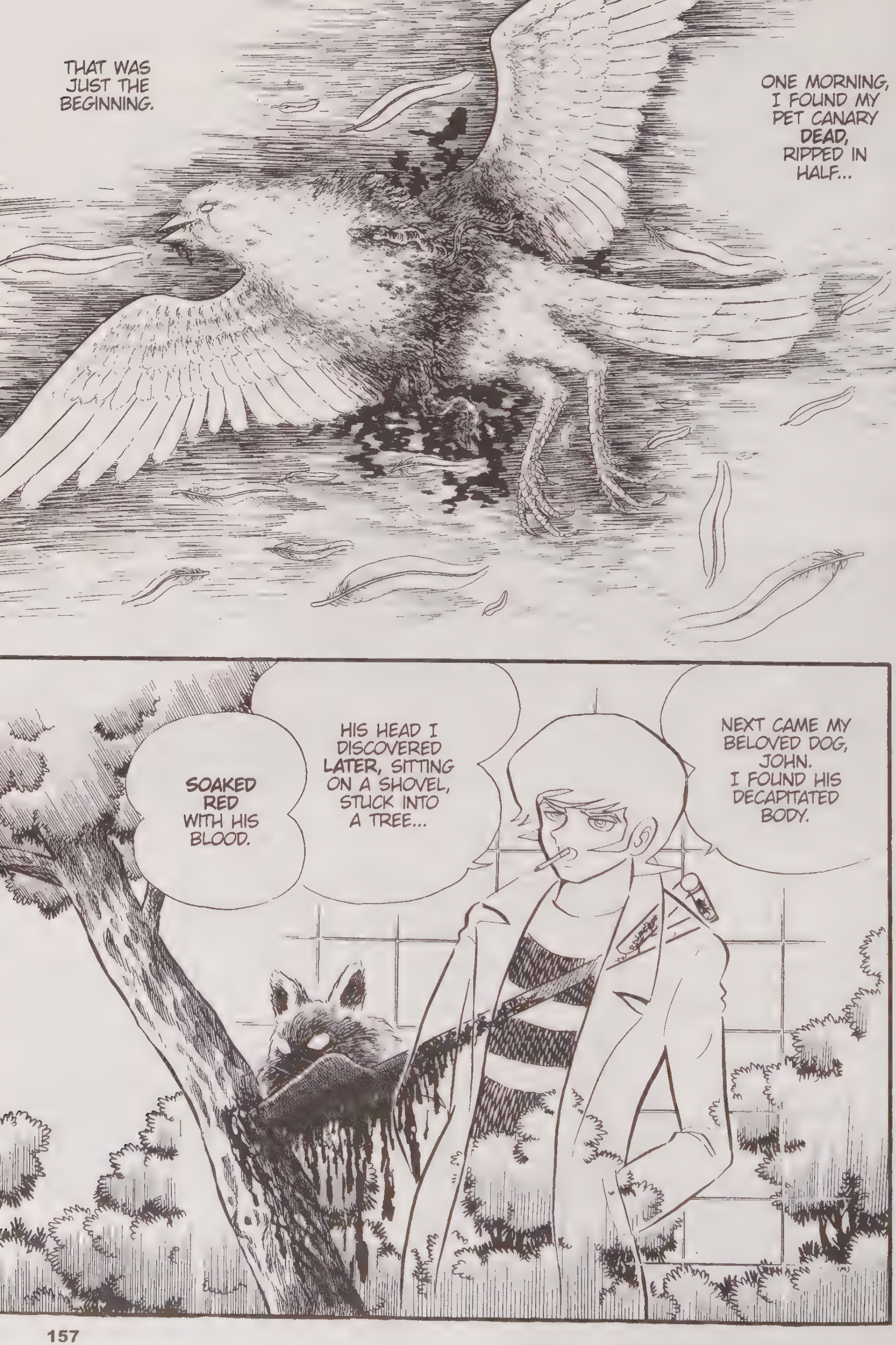
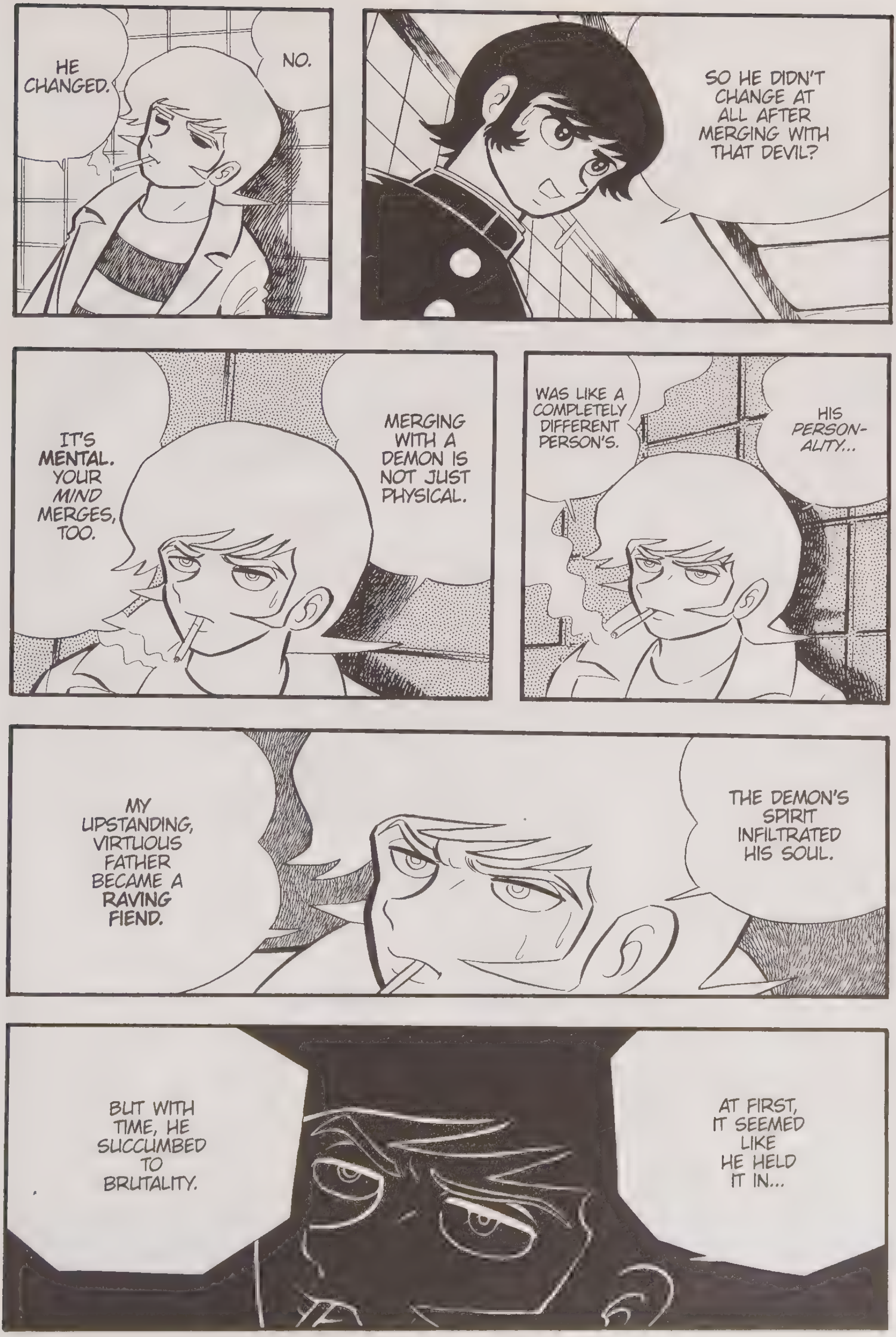
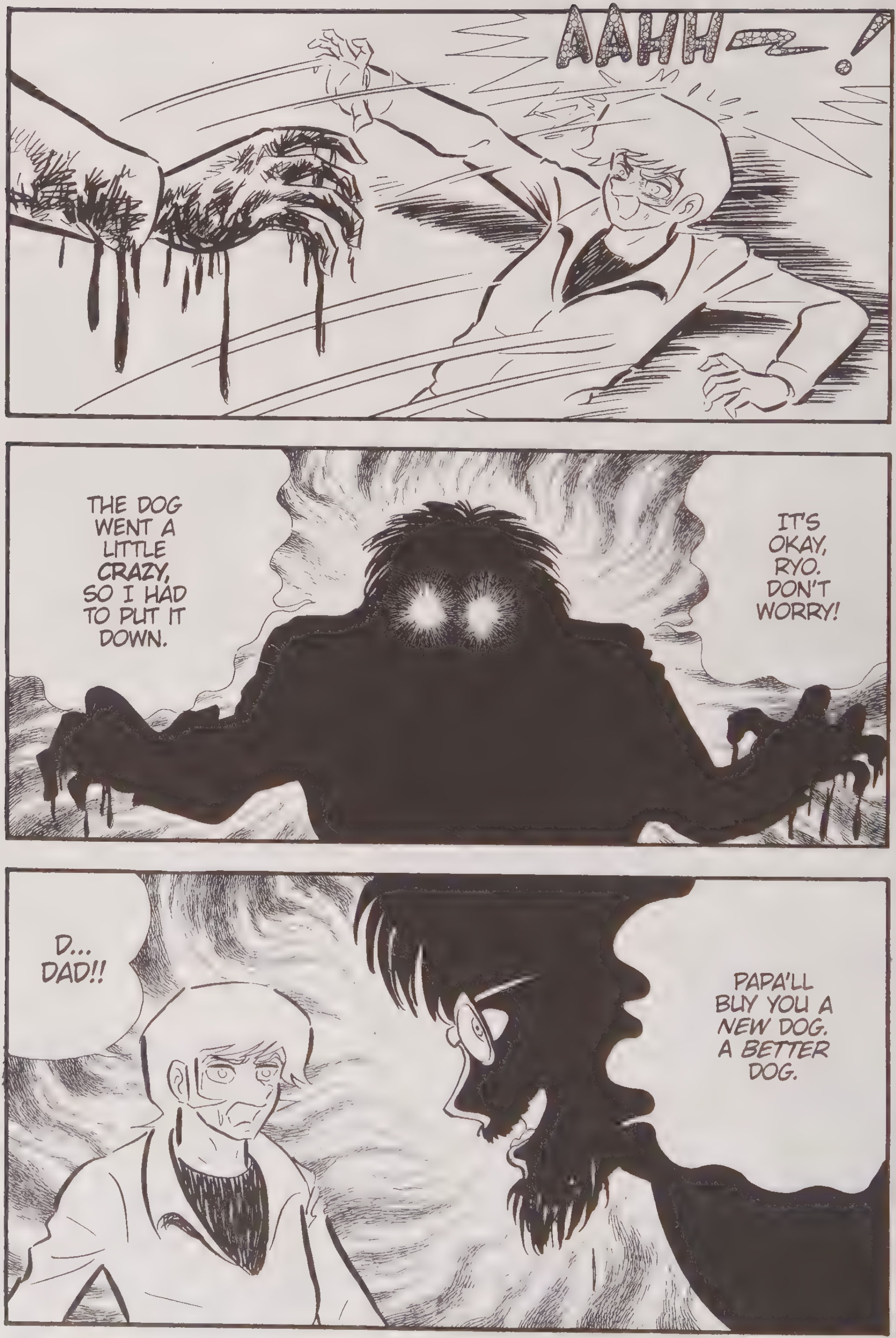
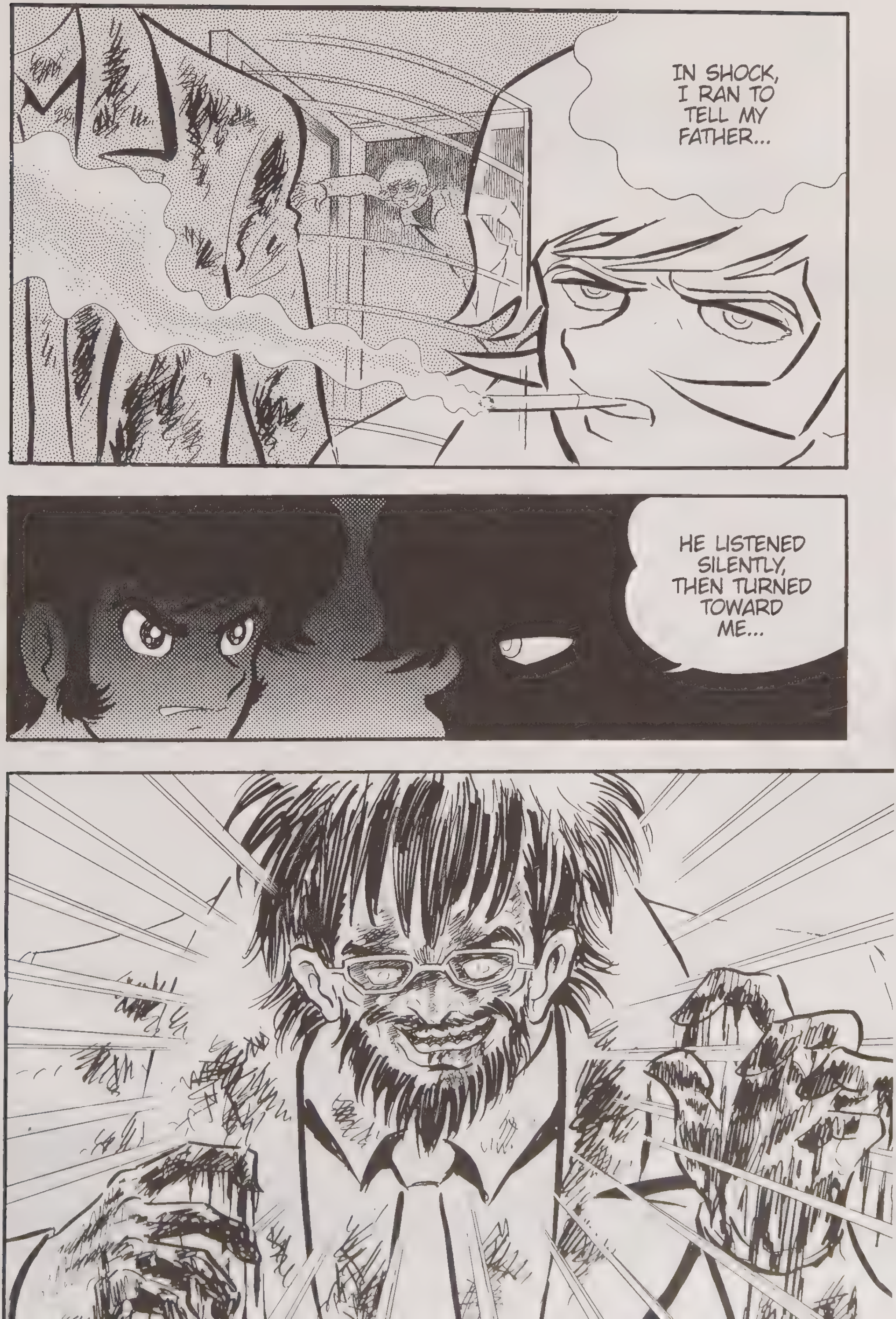
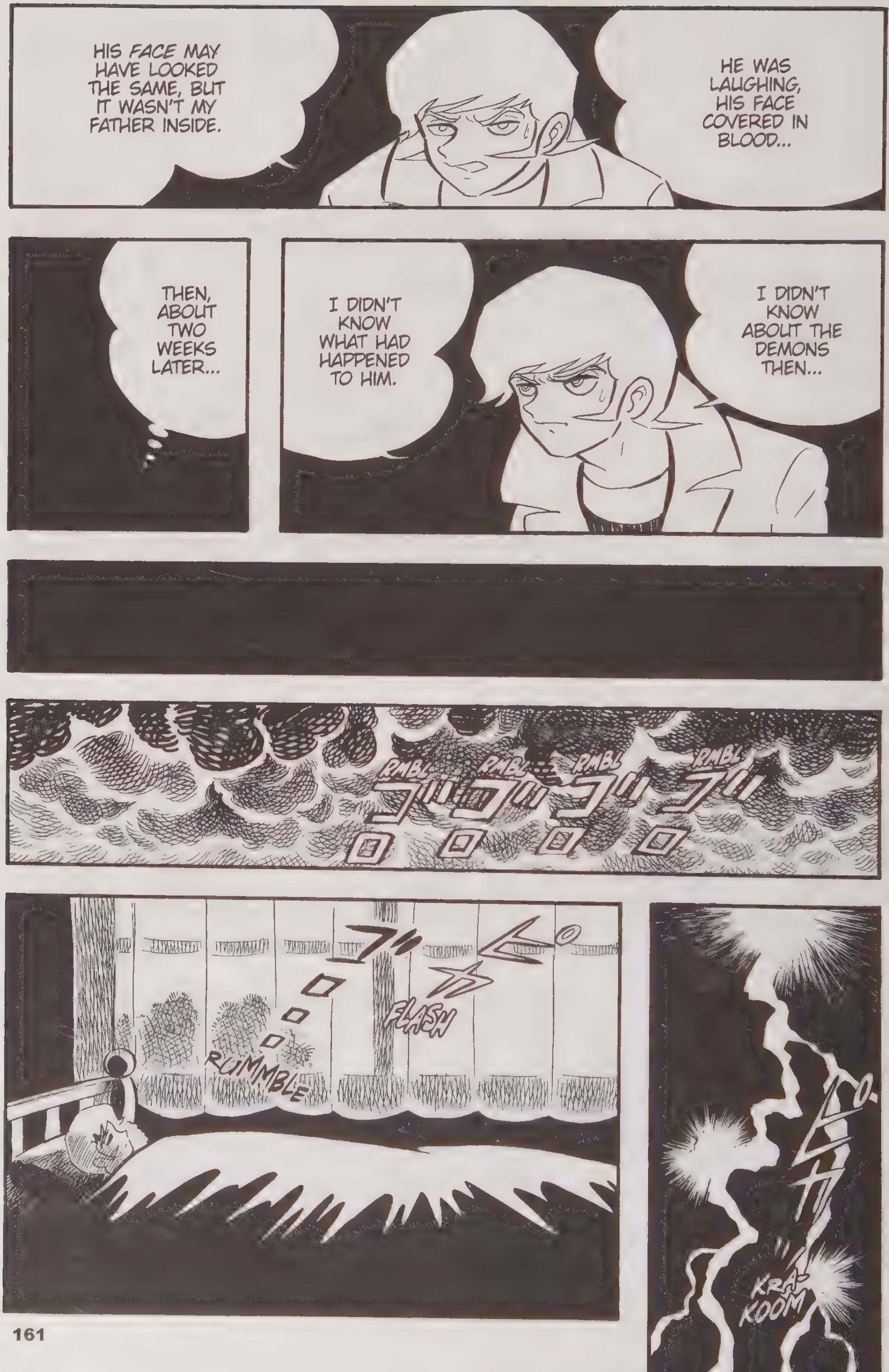
YOU SMOKE?
OH, THIS? IT'S LACED WITH DRUGS.
AFTER RESEARCHING ALL KINDS OF DEMON CEREMONIES, MY FATHER UNCOVERED THE METHOD FOR MERGING WITH A DEMON.
THEN HE USED IT.
I HAD NO IDEA HE'D DONE IT.
HE LOOKED THE SAME.
HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A MONSTER...
JUST... MY DAD.


ONE MORNING, I FOUND MY PET CANARY DEAD, RIPPED IN HALF...
THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING.
NEXT CAME MY BELOVED DOG, JOHN. I FOUND HIS DECAPITATED BODY.
HIS HEAD I DISCOVERED LATER, SITTING ON A SHOVEL, STUCK INTO A TREE...
SOAKED RED WITH HIS BLOOD.


SO HE DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL AFTER MERGING WITH THAT DEVIL?
NO.
HE CHANGED.
HIS PERSONALITY...
WAS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON'S.
MERGING WITH A DEMON IS NOT JUST PHYSICAL.
IT'S **MENTAL.** YOUR *MIND* MERGES, TOO.
THE DEMON'S SPIRIT INFILTRATED HIS SOUL.
MY UPSTANDING, VIRTUOUS FATHER BECAME A **RAVING** FIEND.
AT FIRST, IT SEEMED LIKE HE HELD IT IN...
BUT WITH TIME, HE SUCCUMBED TO BRUTALITY.


AAHH—!
IT'S OKAY, RYO. DON'T WORRY!
THE DOG WENT A LITTLE CRAZY, SO I HAD TO PUT IT DOWN.
PAPA'LL BUY YOU A NEW DOG. A BETTER DOG.
D... DAD!!


IN SHOCK, I RAN TO TELL MY FATHER...
HE LISTENED SILENTLY, THEN TURNED TOWARD ME...


HE WAS LAUGHING, HIS FACE COVERED IN BLOOD...
HIS *FACE* MAY HAVE LOOKED THE SAME, BUT IT WASN'T MY FATHER INSIDE.
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE DEMONS THEN...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM.
THEN, ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER...
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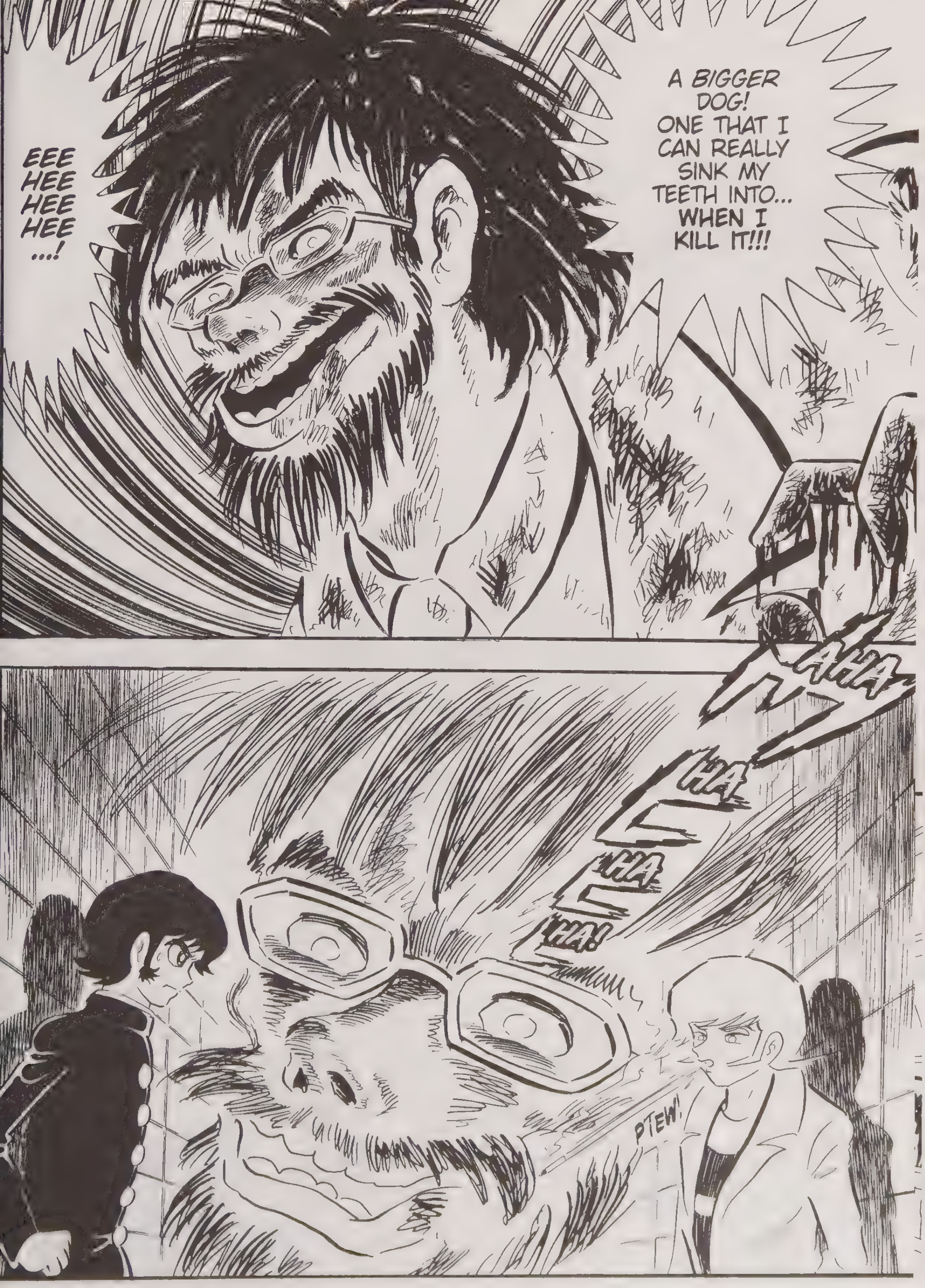
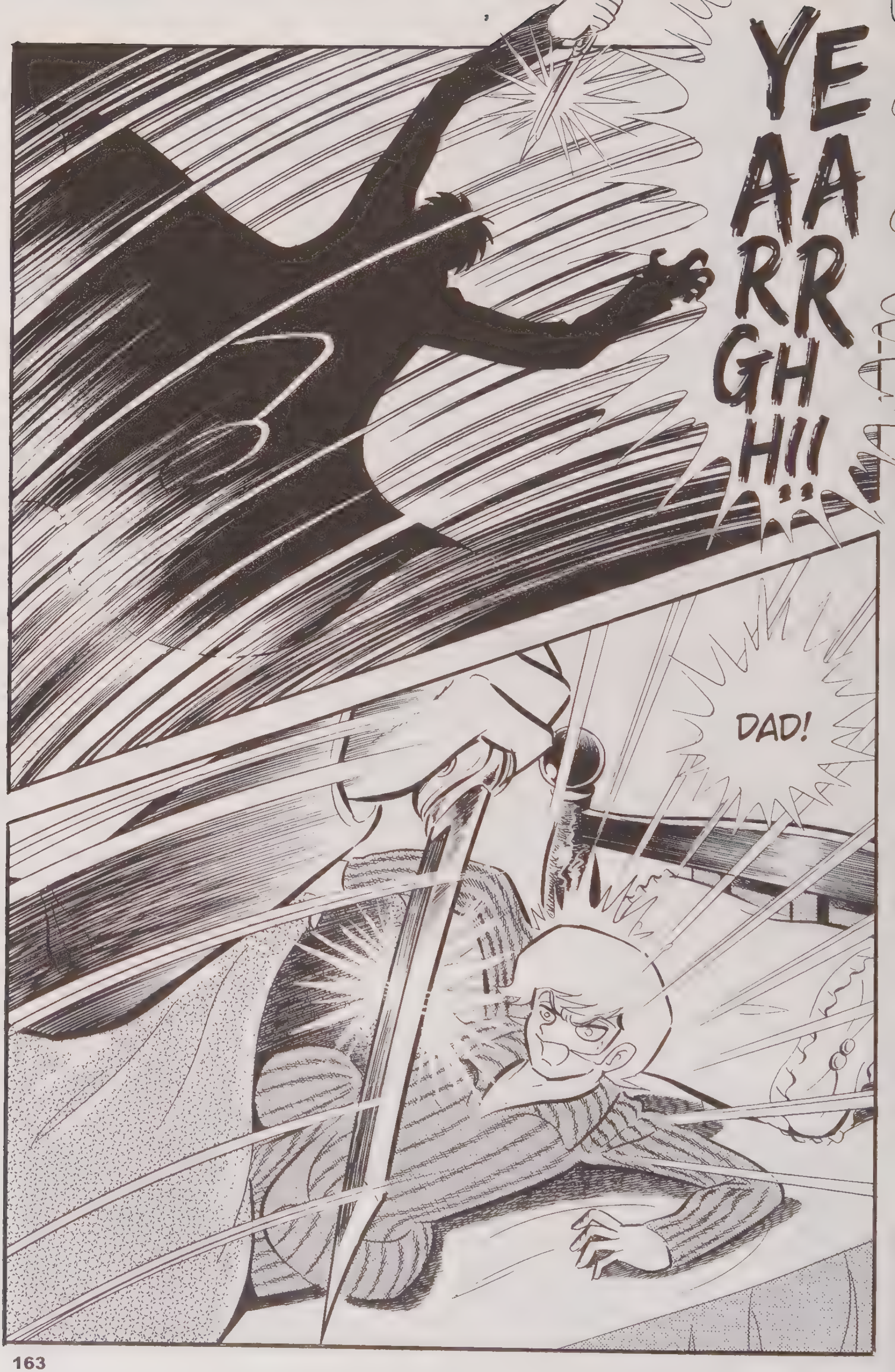
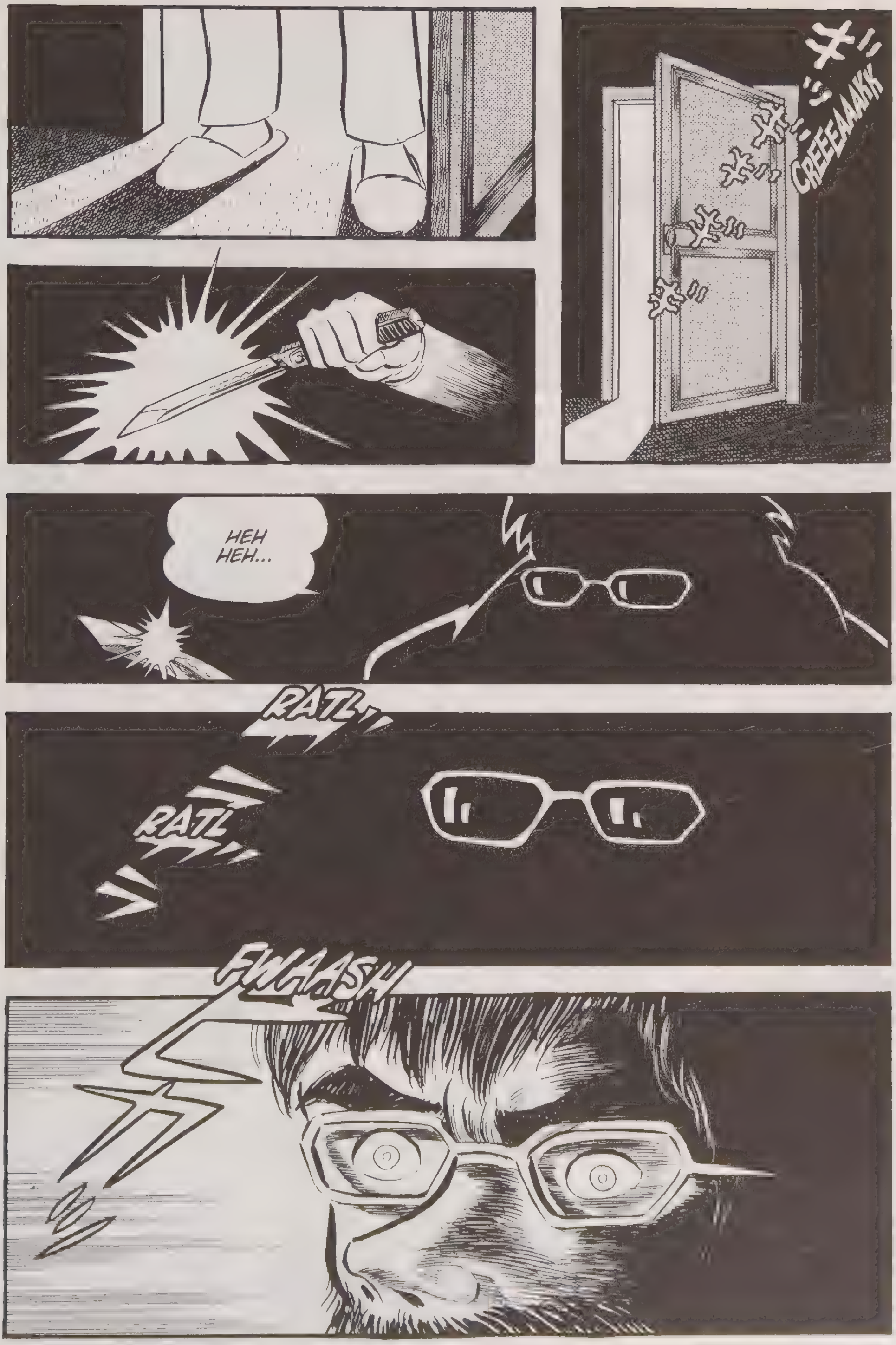
FLASH
RUMMBLE
KRA-KOOM


A BIGGER DOG! ONE THAT I CAN REALLY SINK MY TEETH INTO... WHEN I KILL IT!!!
EEE HEE HEE HEE ...!
AHA
HA
HA
HA!
PTEW!


YEAARRGHH!!
DAD!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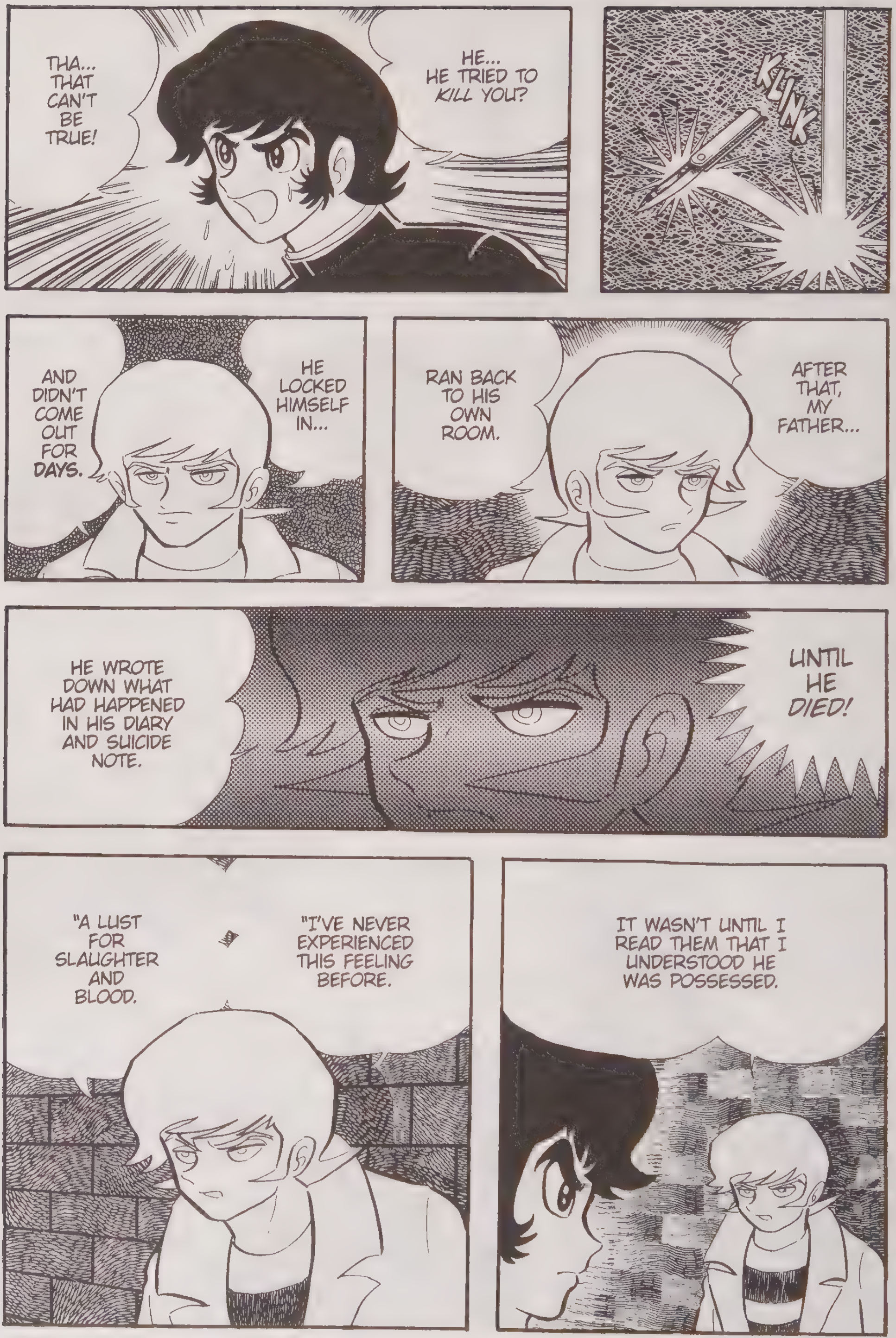
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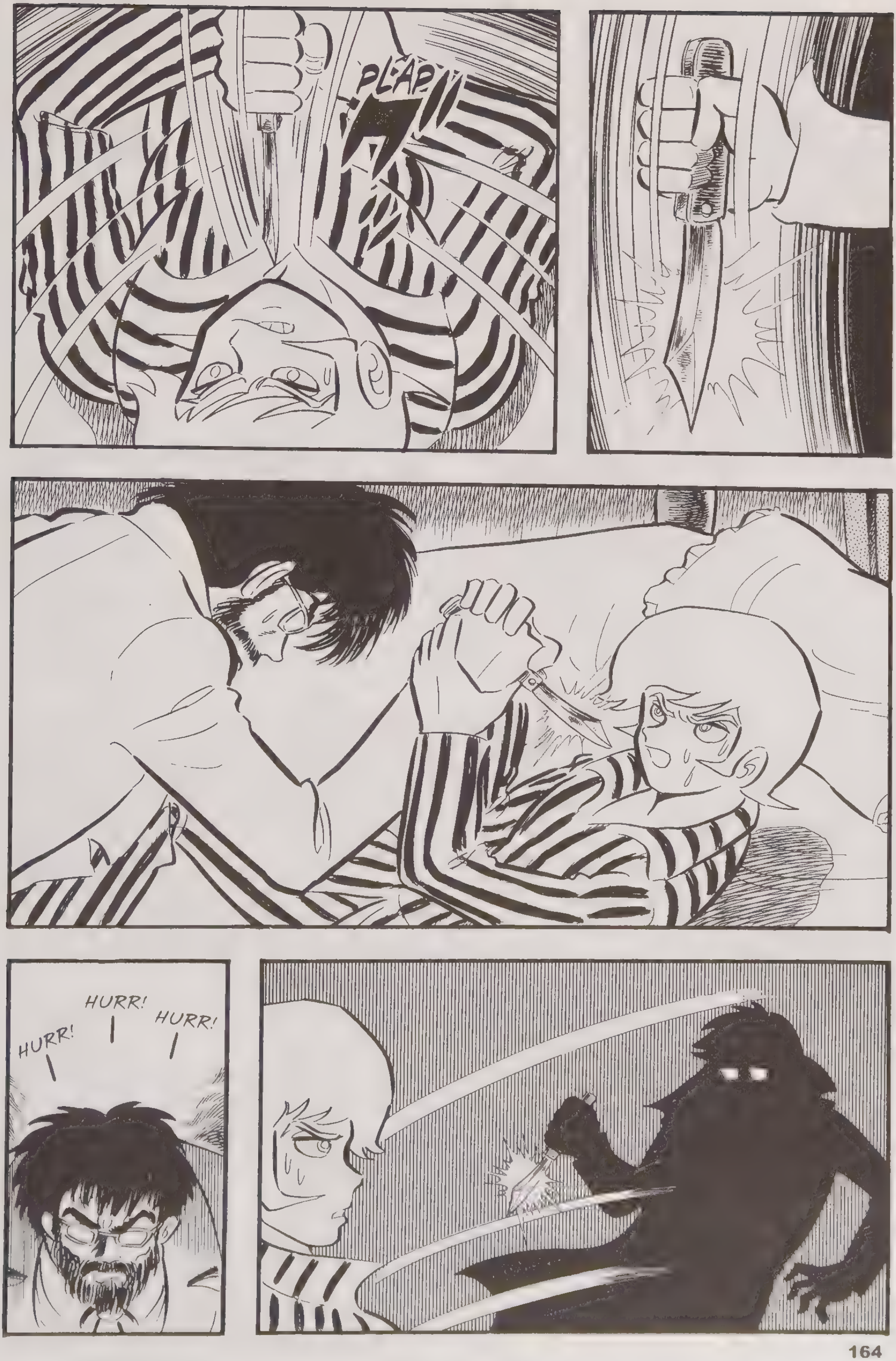
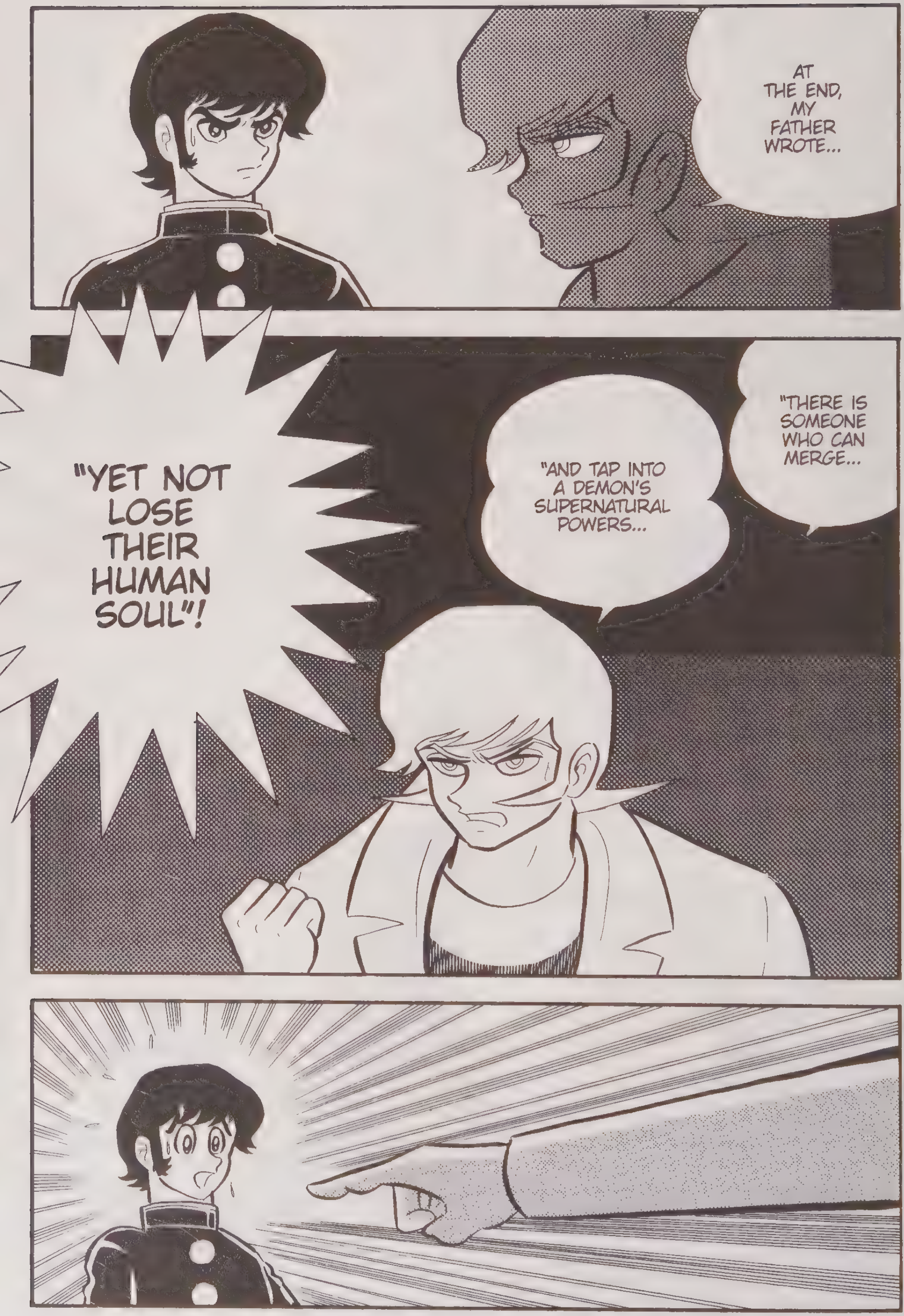
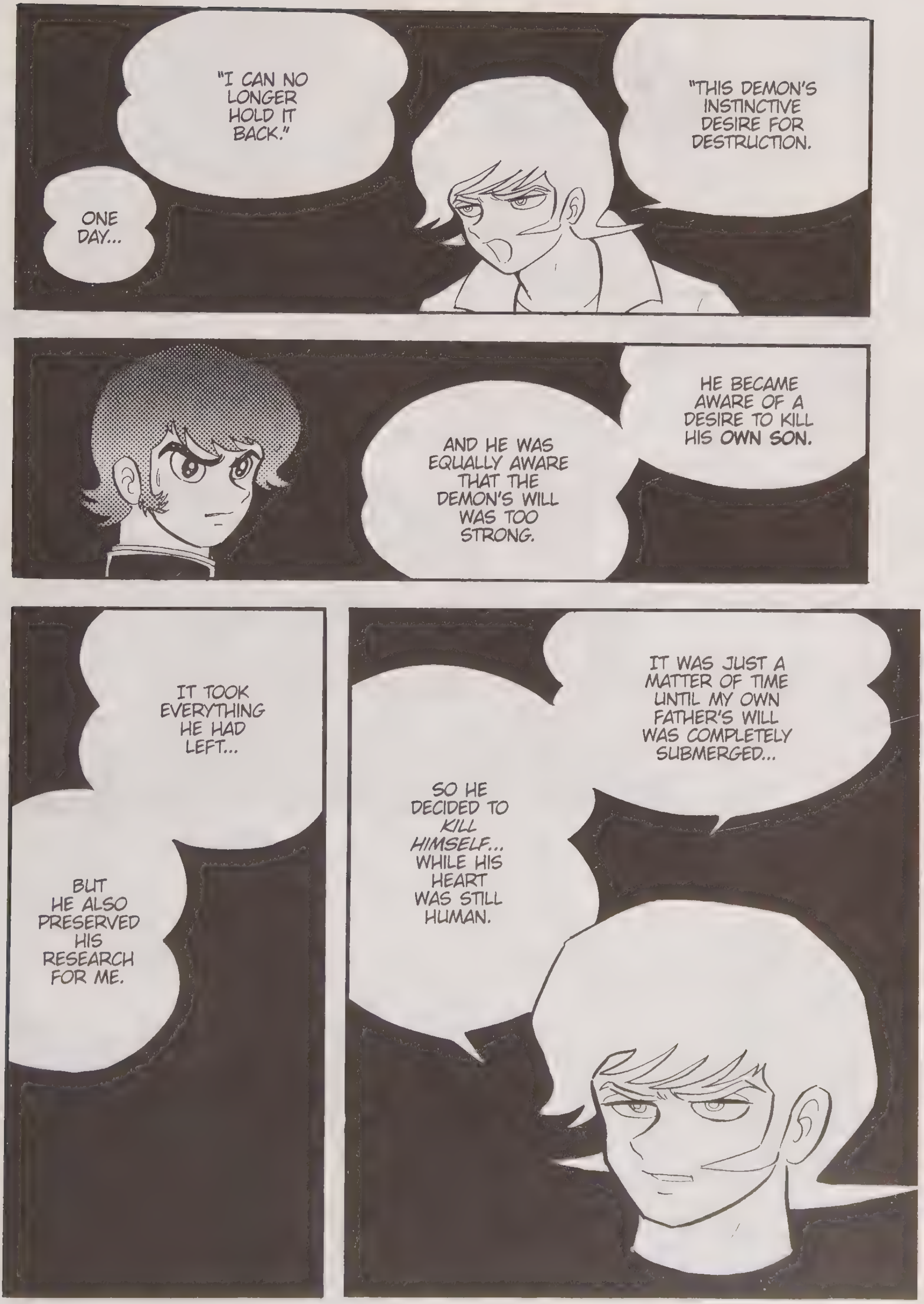
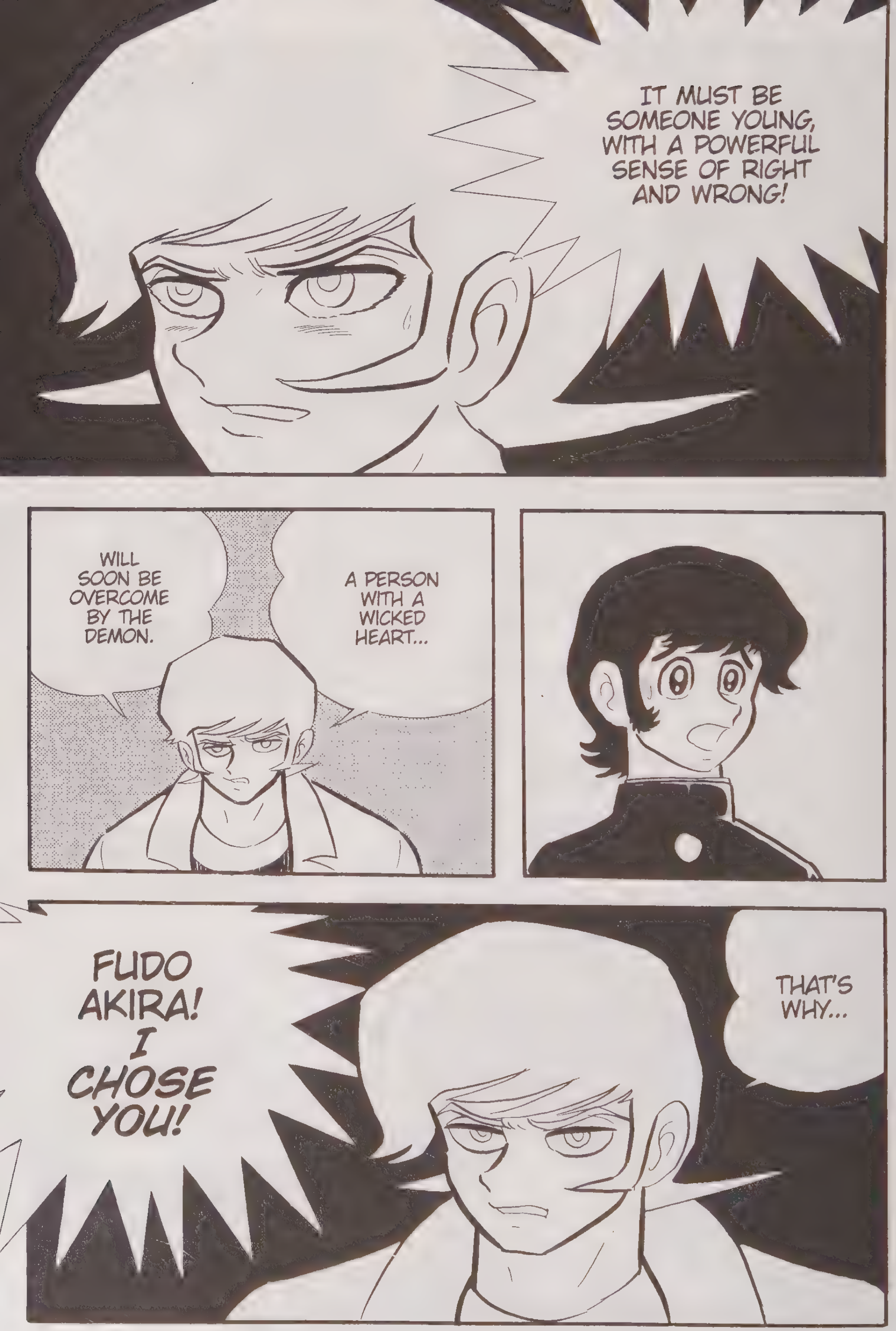
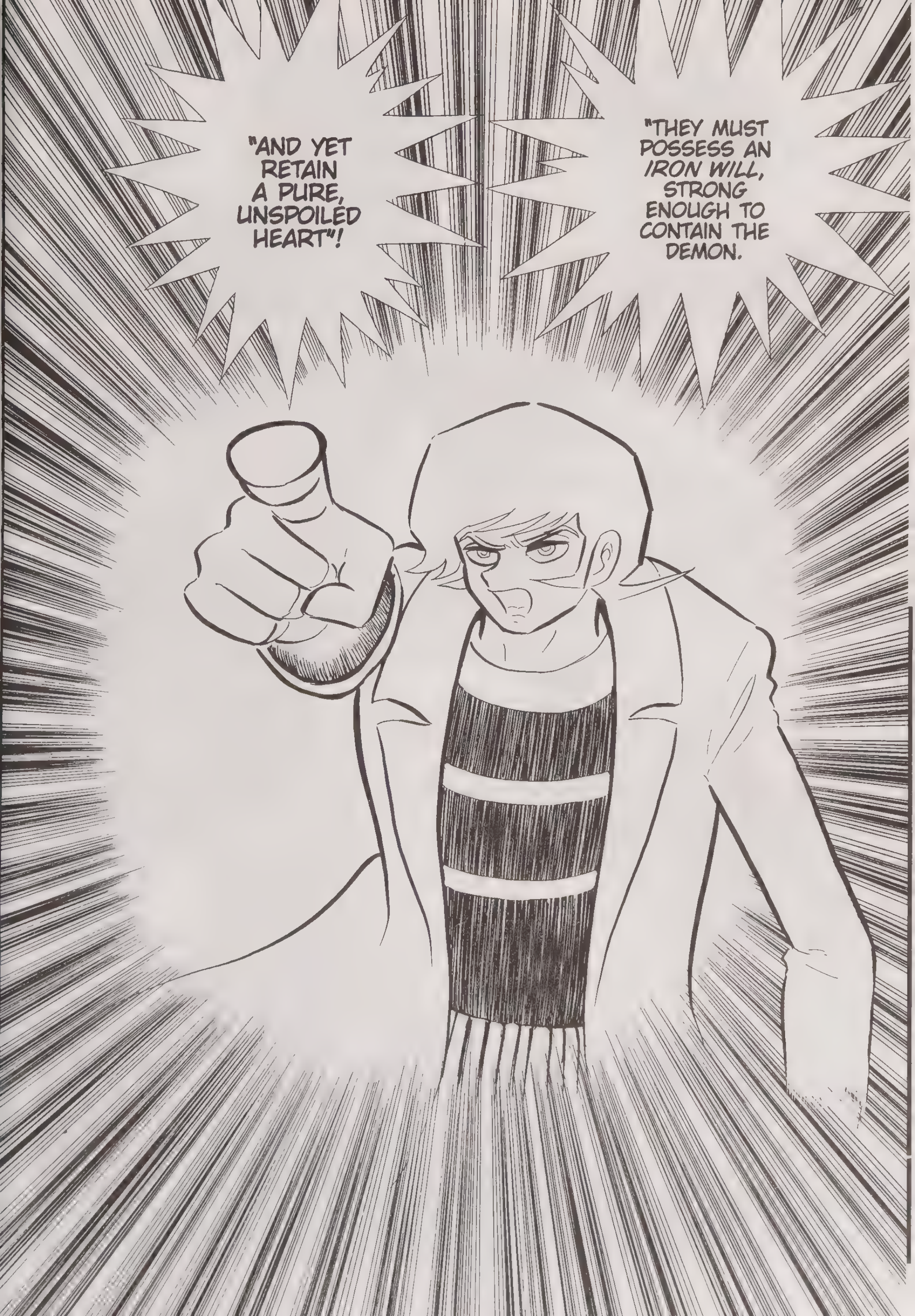
HE... HE TRIED TO *KILL* YOU?
THA... THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
AFTER THAT, MY FATHER...
RAN BACK TO HIS OWN ROOM.
HE LOCKED HIMSELF IN...
AND DIDN'T COME OUT FOR **DAYS.**
UNTIL HE *DIED!*
HE WROTE DOWN WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN HIS DIARY AND SUICIDE NOTE.
IT WASN'T UNTIL I READ THEM THAT I UNDERSTOOD HE WAS POSSESSED.
"I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED THIS FEELING BEFORE.
"A LUST FOR SLAUGHTER AND BLOOD.

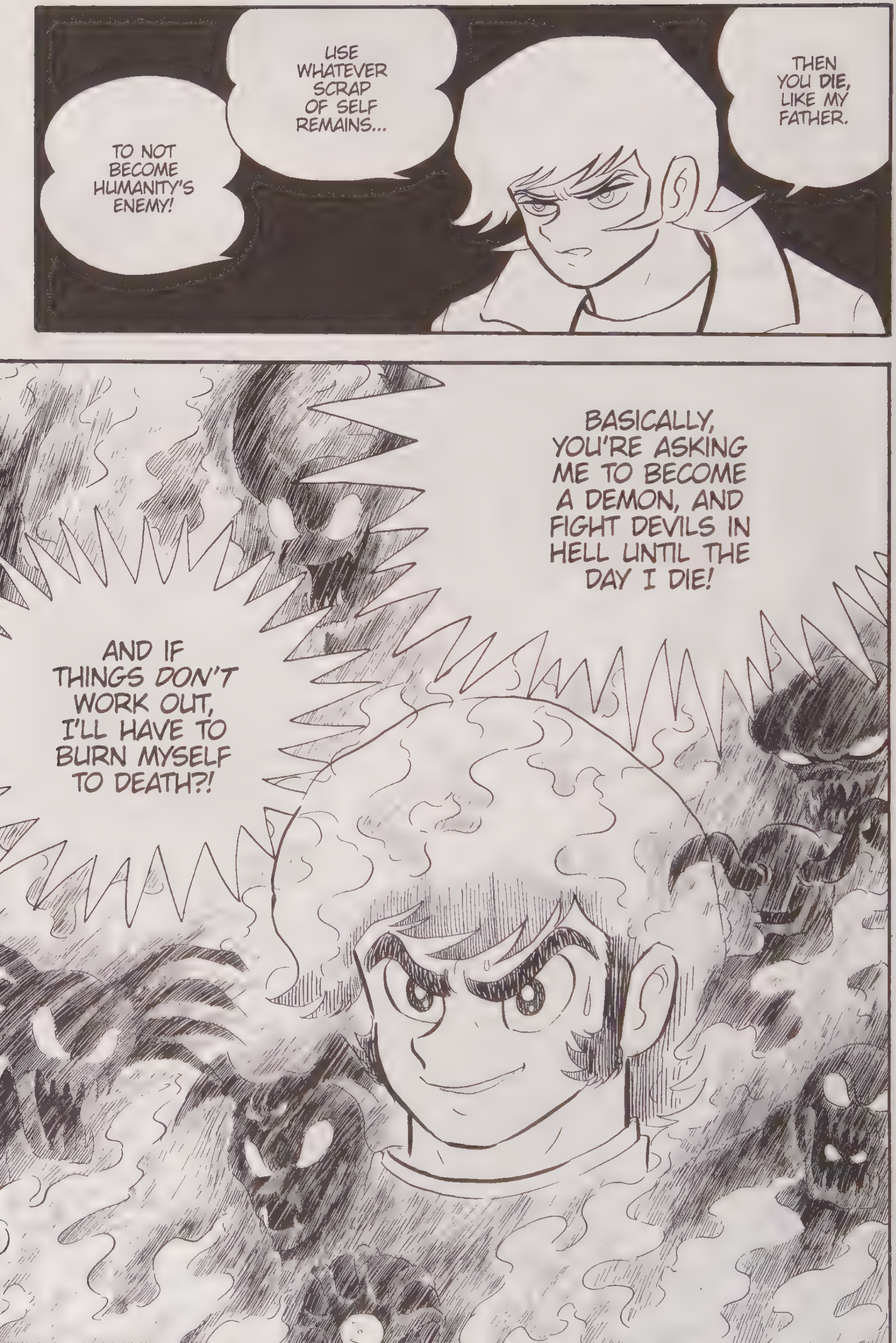

PLAP
HURR!
HURR!
HURR!

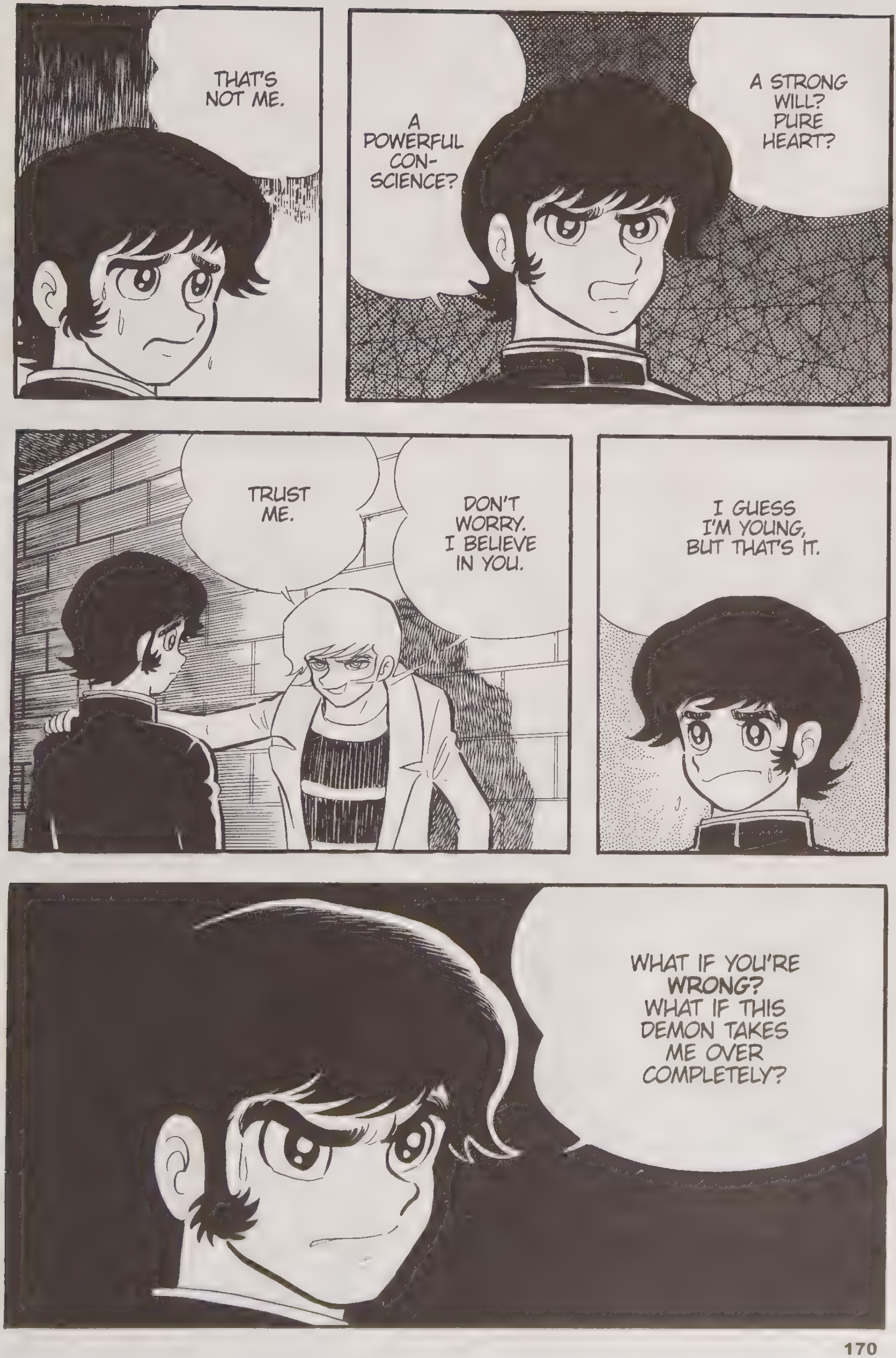

AT THE END, MY FATHER WROTE...
"THERE IS SOMEONE WHO CAN MERGE...
"AND TAP INTO A DEMON'S SUPERNATURAL POWERS...
"YET NOT LOSE THEIR HUMAN SOUL"!

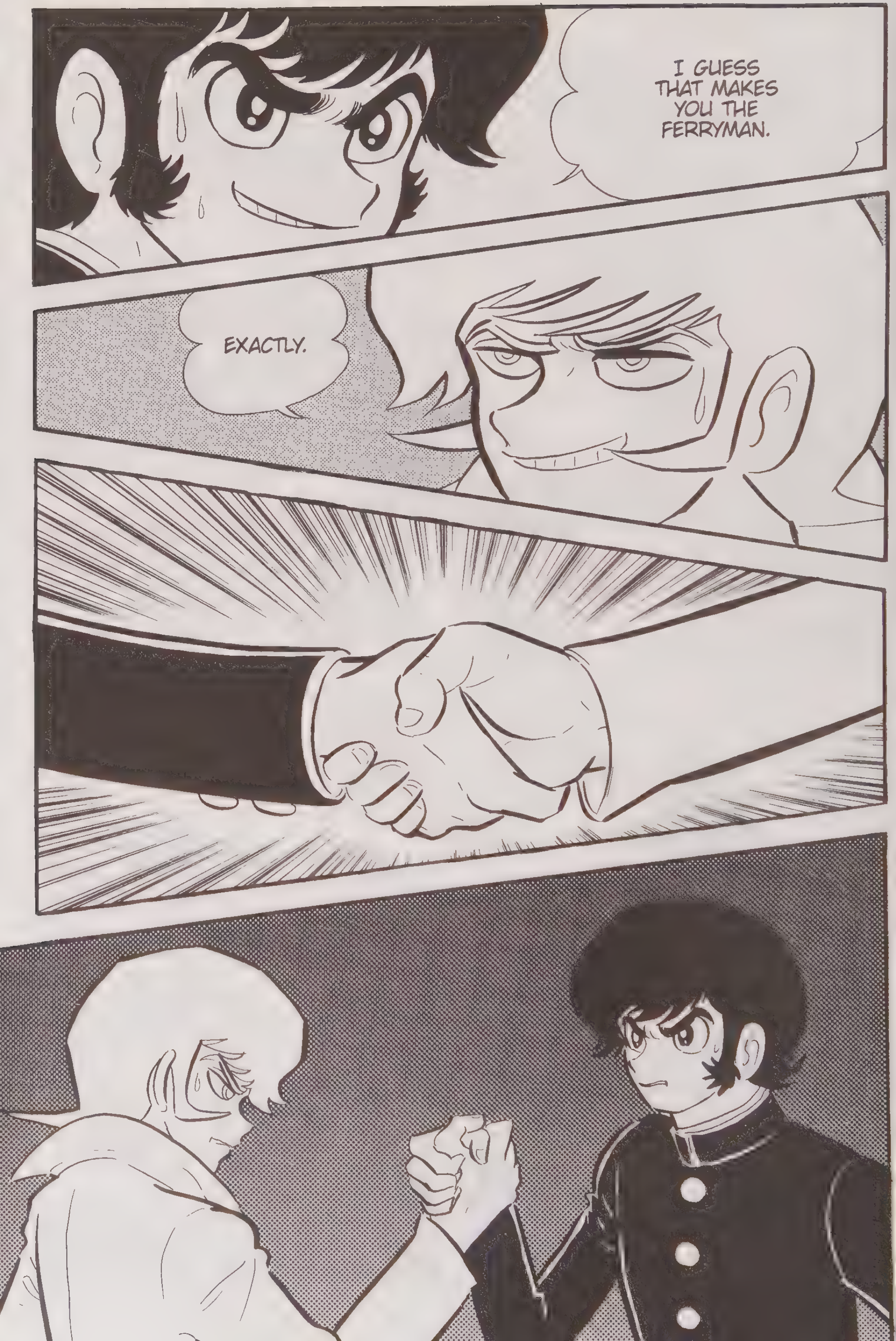

"THIS DEMON'S INSTINCTIVE DESIRE FOR DESTRUCTION.
"I CAN NO LONGER HOLD IT BACK."
ONE DAY...
HE BECAME AWARE OF A DESIRE TO KILL HIS **OWN SON.**
AND HE WAS EQUALLY AWARE THAT THE DEMON'S WILL WAS TOO STRONG.
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL MY OWN FATHER'S WILL WAS COMPLETELY SUBMERGED...
SO HE DECIDED TO *KILL HIMSELF*... WHILE HIS HEART WAS STILL HUMAN.
IT TOOK EVERYTHING HE HAD LEFT...
BUT HE ALSO PRESERVED HIS RESEARCH FOR ME.

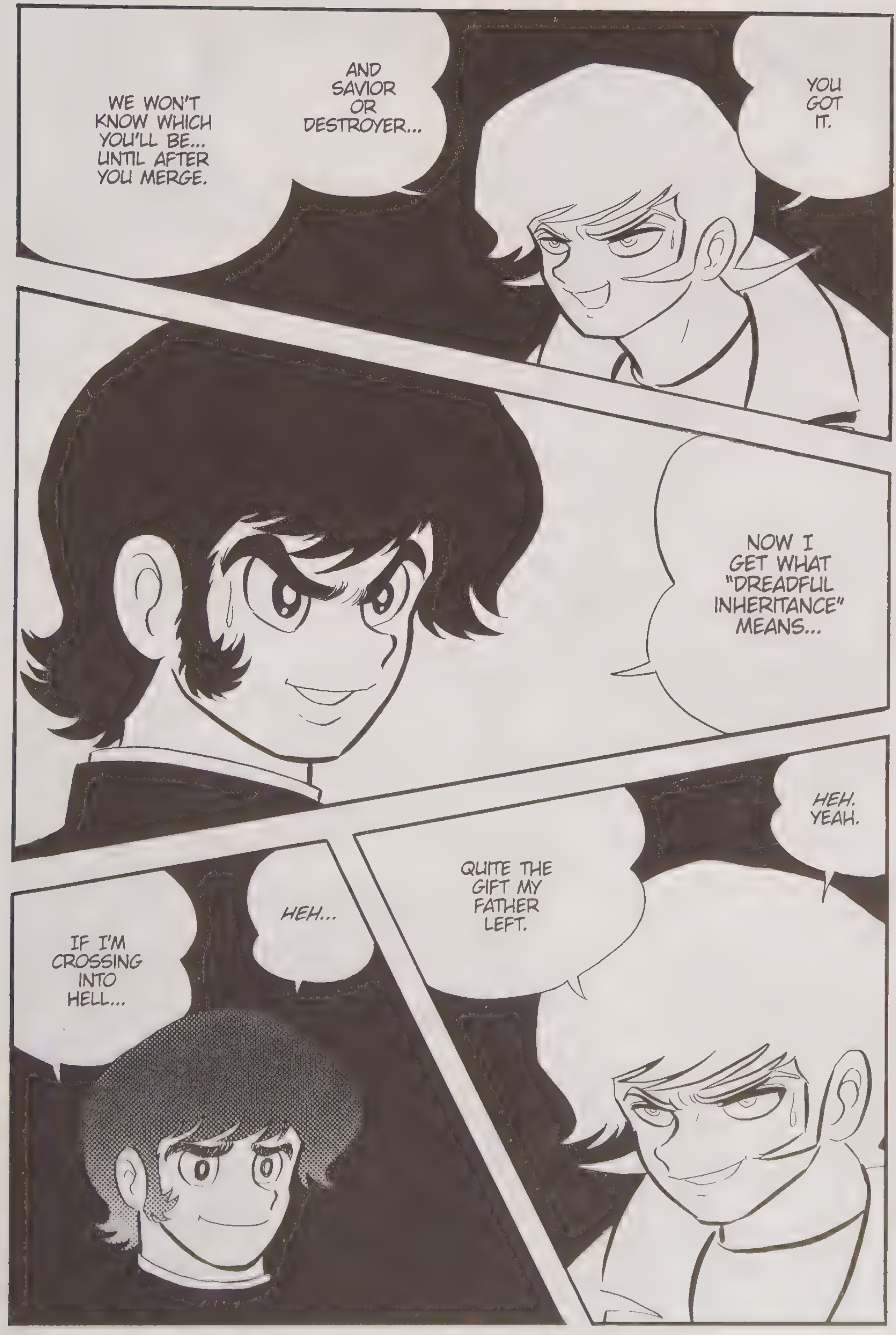

IT MUST BE SOMEONE YOUNG, WITH A POWERFUL SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG!
A PERSON WITH A WICKED HEART...
WILL SOON BE OVERCOME BY THE DEMON.
THAT'S WHY...
FUDO AKIRA! I CHOSE YOU!

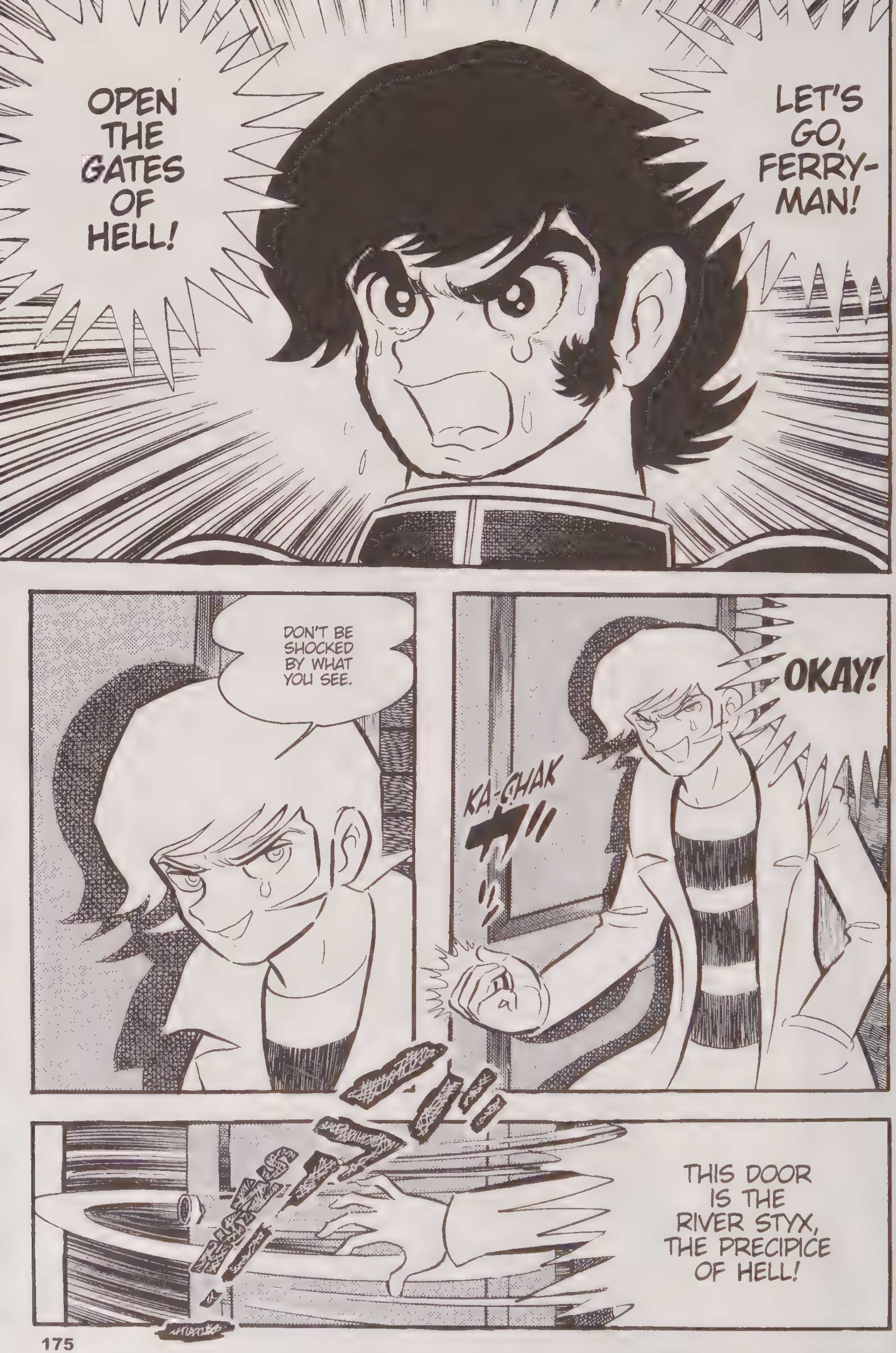

"THEY MUST POSSESS AN *IRON WILL*, STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTAIN THE DEMON.
"AND YET RETAIN A PURE, UNSPOILED HEART"!

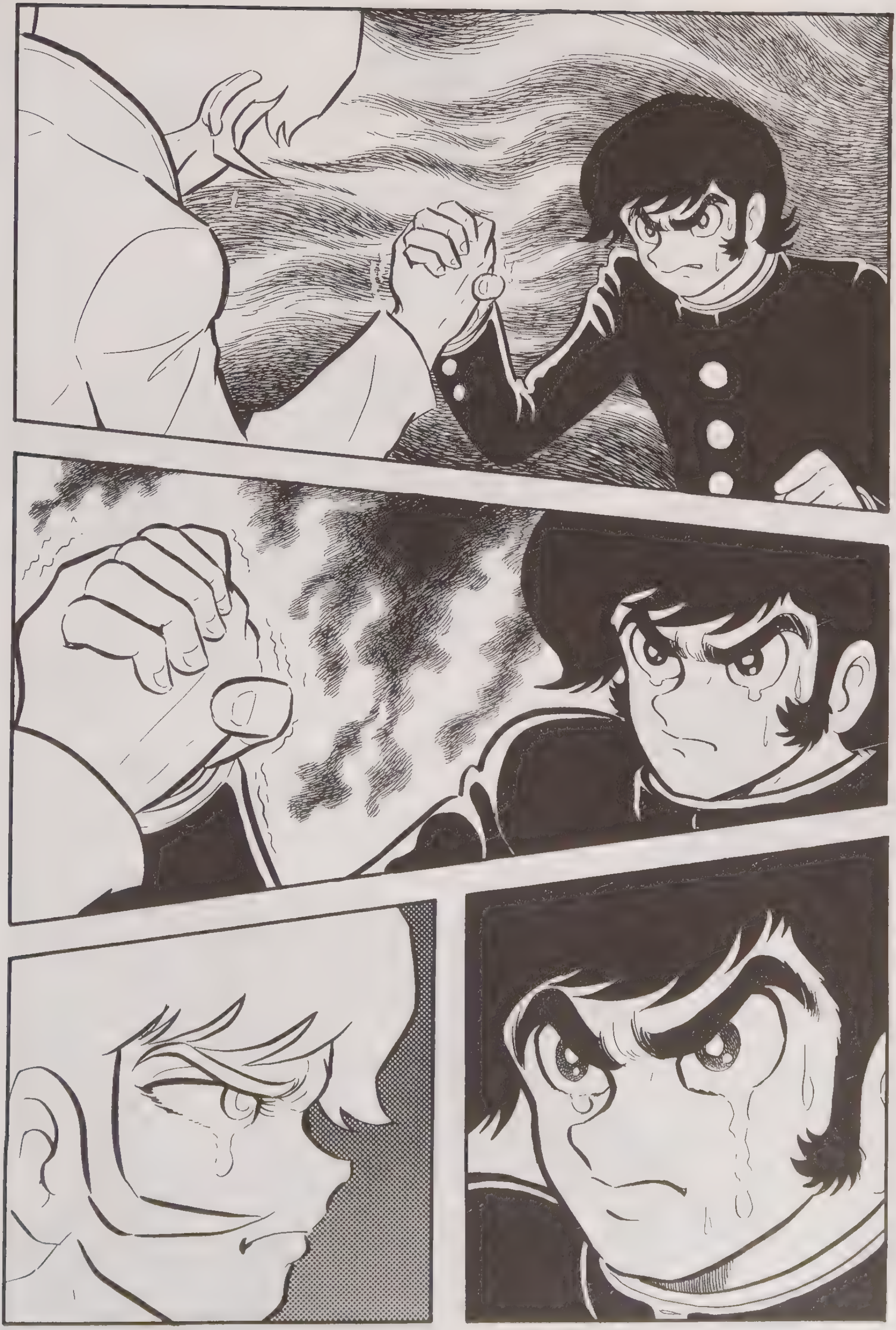

THEN YOU DIE, LIKE MY FATHER.
USE WHATEVER SCRAP OF SELF REMAINS...
TO NOT BECOME HUMANITY'S ENEMY!
BASICALLY, YOU'RE ASKING ME TO BECOME A DEMON, AND FIGHT DEVILS IN HELL UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
AND IF THINGS *DON'T* WORK OUT, I'LL HAVE TO BURN MYSELF TO DEATH?!

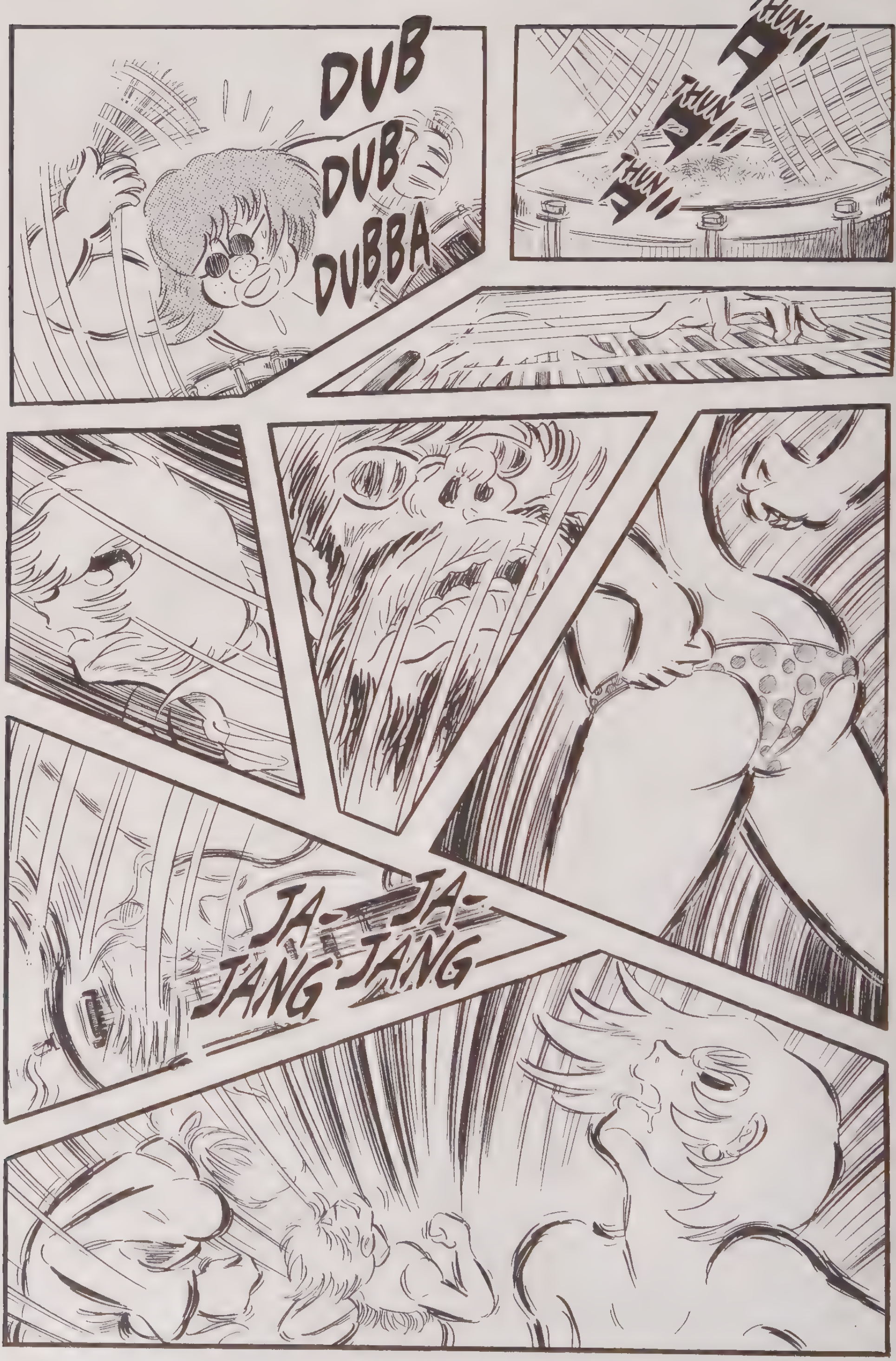

A STRONG WILL? PURE HEART?
A POWERFUL CONSCIENCE?
THAT'S NOT ME.
I GUESS I'M YOUNG, BUT THAT'S IT.
DON'T WORRY. I BELIEVE IN YOU.
TRUST ME.
WHAT IF YOU'RE **WRONG?** WHAT IF THIS DEMON TAKES ME OVER COMPLETELY?


I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU THE FERRYMAN.
EXACTLY.


AND SAVIOR OR DESTROYER...
WE WON'T KNOW WHICH YOU'LL BE... UNTIL AFTER YOU MERGE.
YOU GOT IT.
NOW I GET WHAT "DREADFUL INHERITANCE" MEANS...
HEH. YEAH.
QUITE THE GIFT MY FATHER LEFT.
HEH...
IF I'M CROSSING INTO HELL...


LET'S GO, FERRYMAN!
OPEN THE GATES OF HELL!
OKAY!
KA-CHAK
DON'T BE SHOCKED BY WHAT YOU SEE.
THIS DOOR IS THE RIVER STYX, THE PRECIPICE OF HELL!

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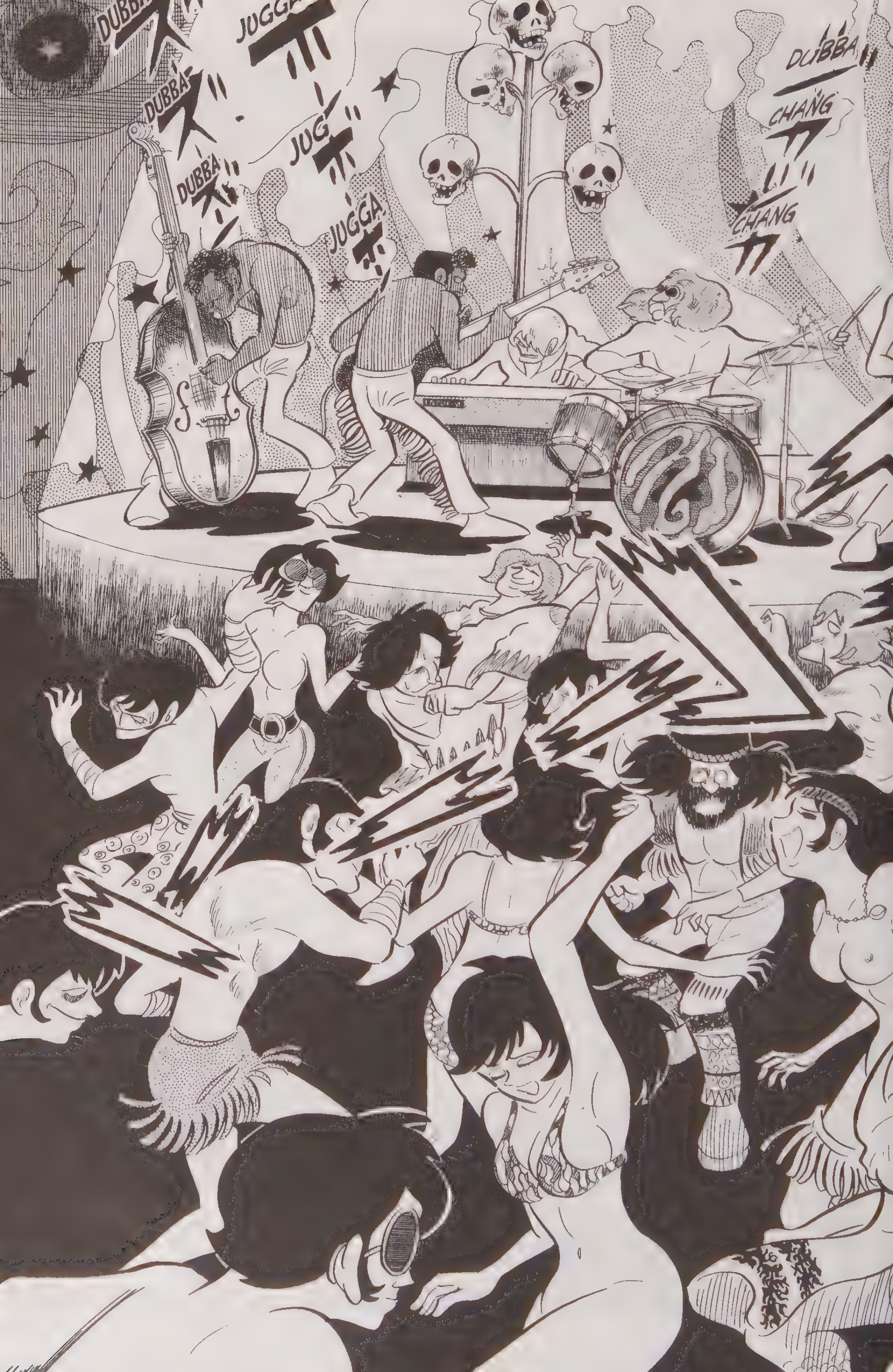
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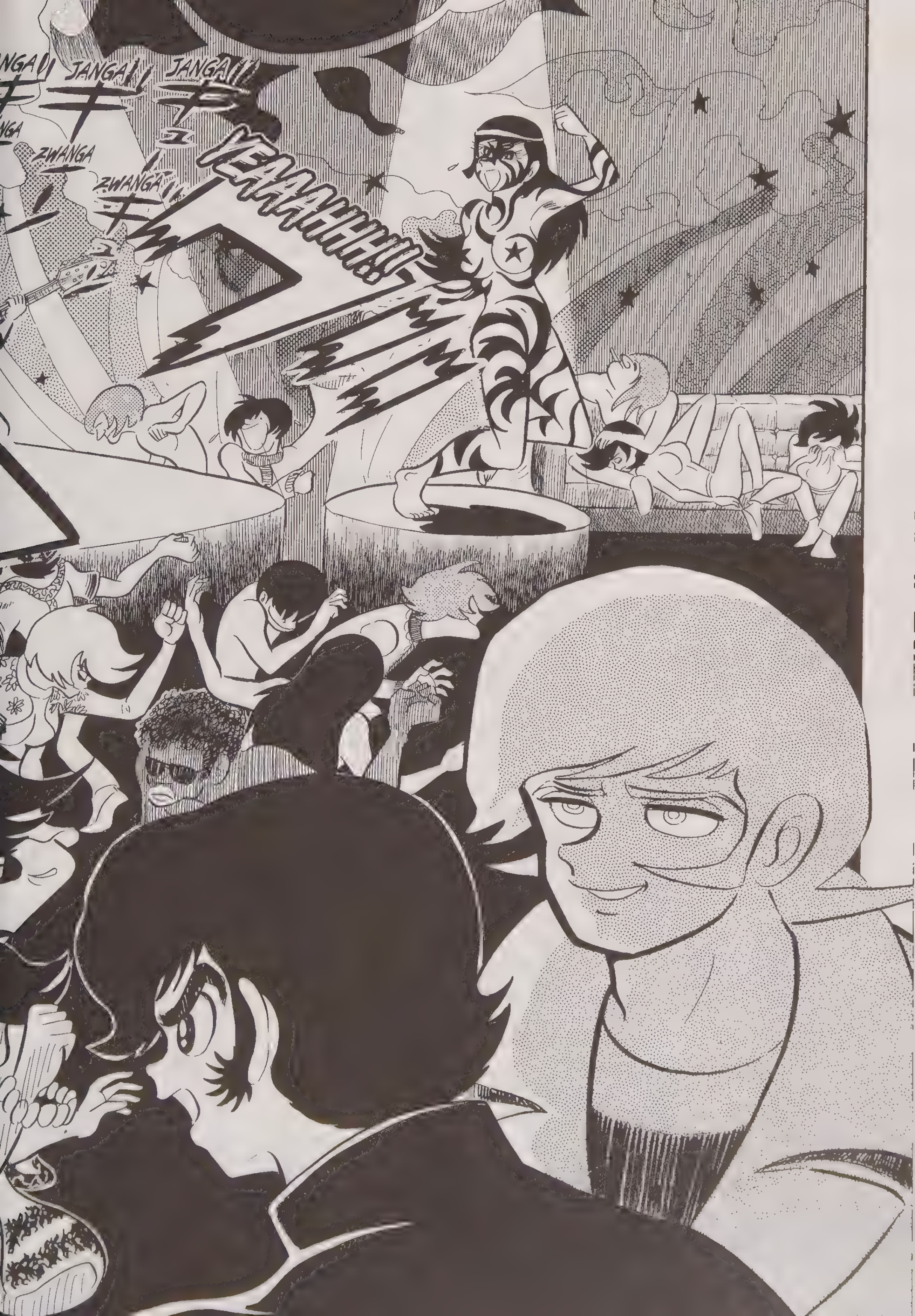
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JANGA!!
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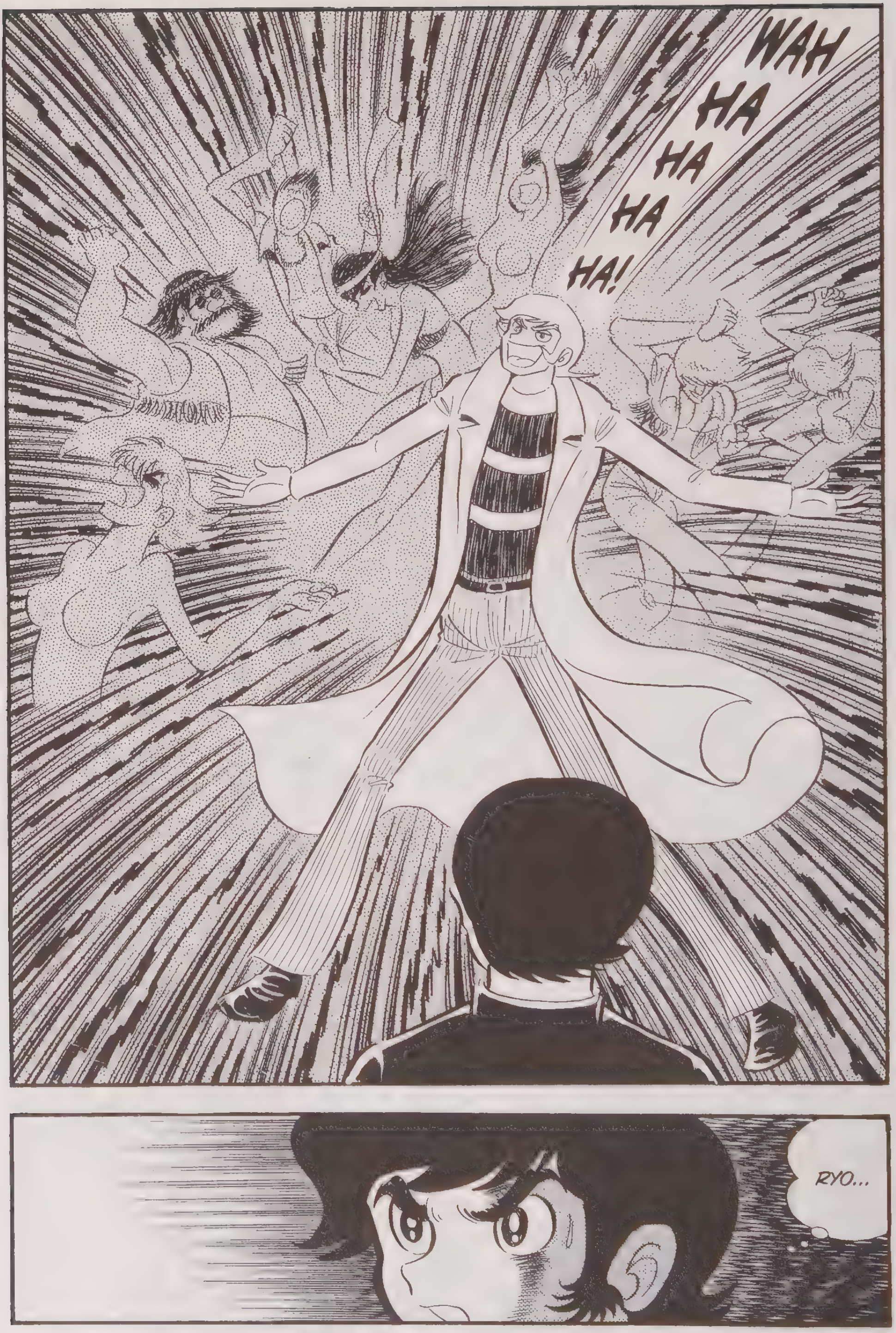
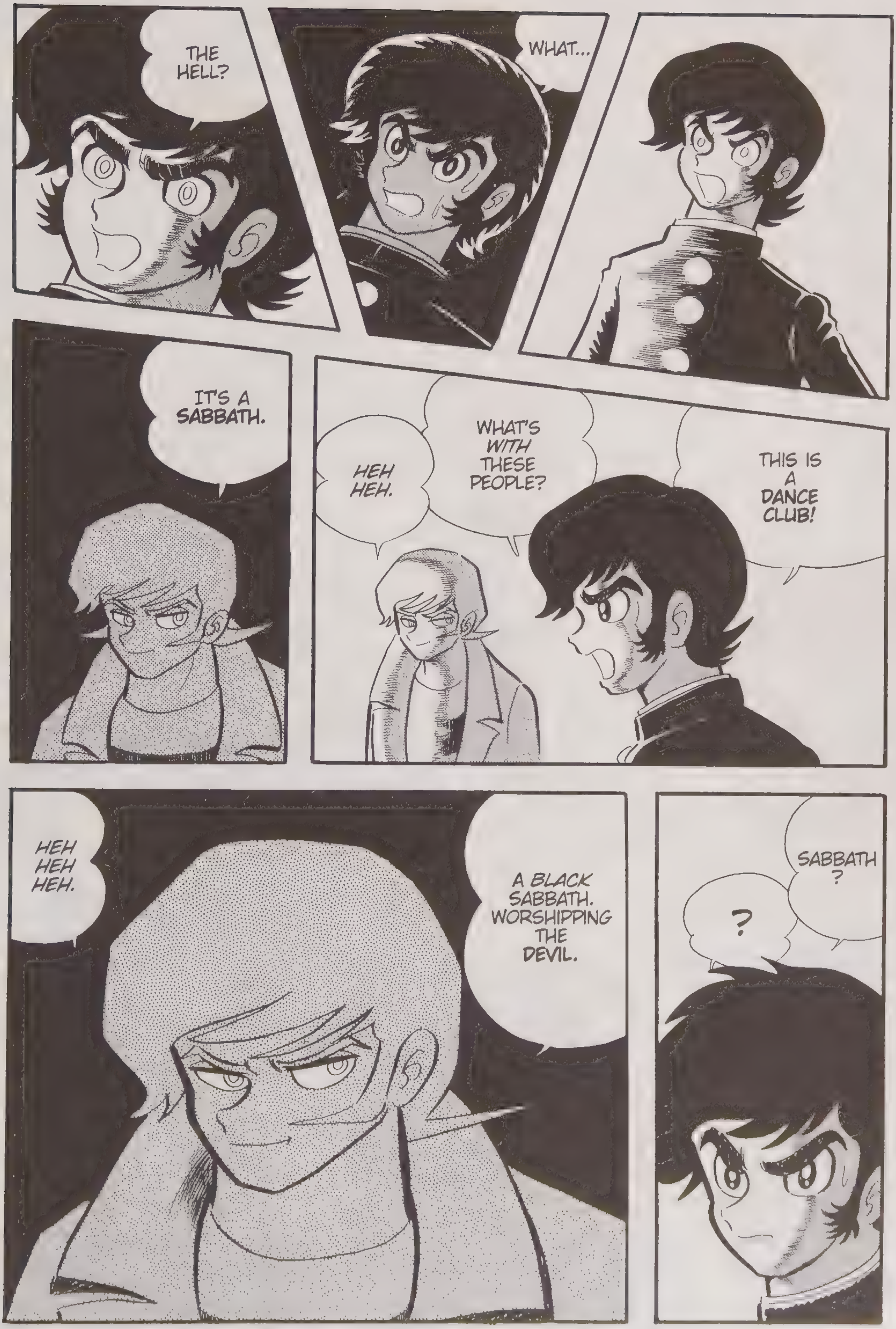
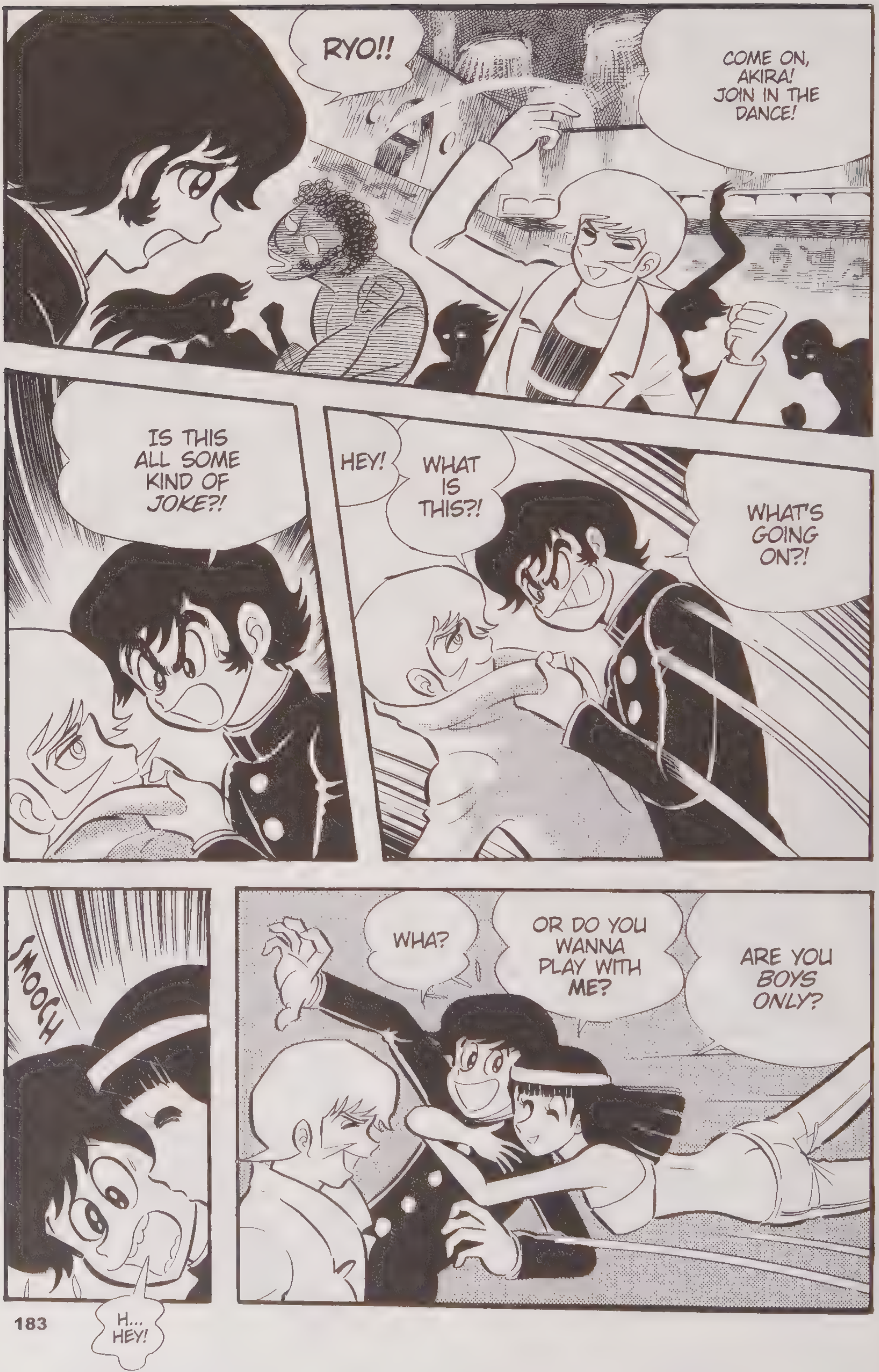
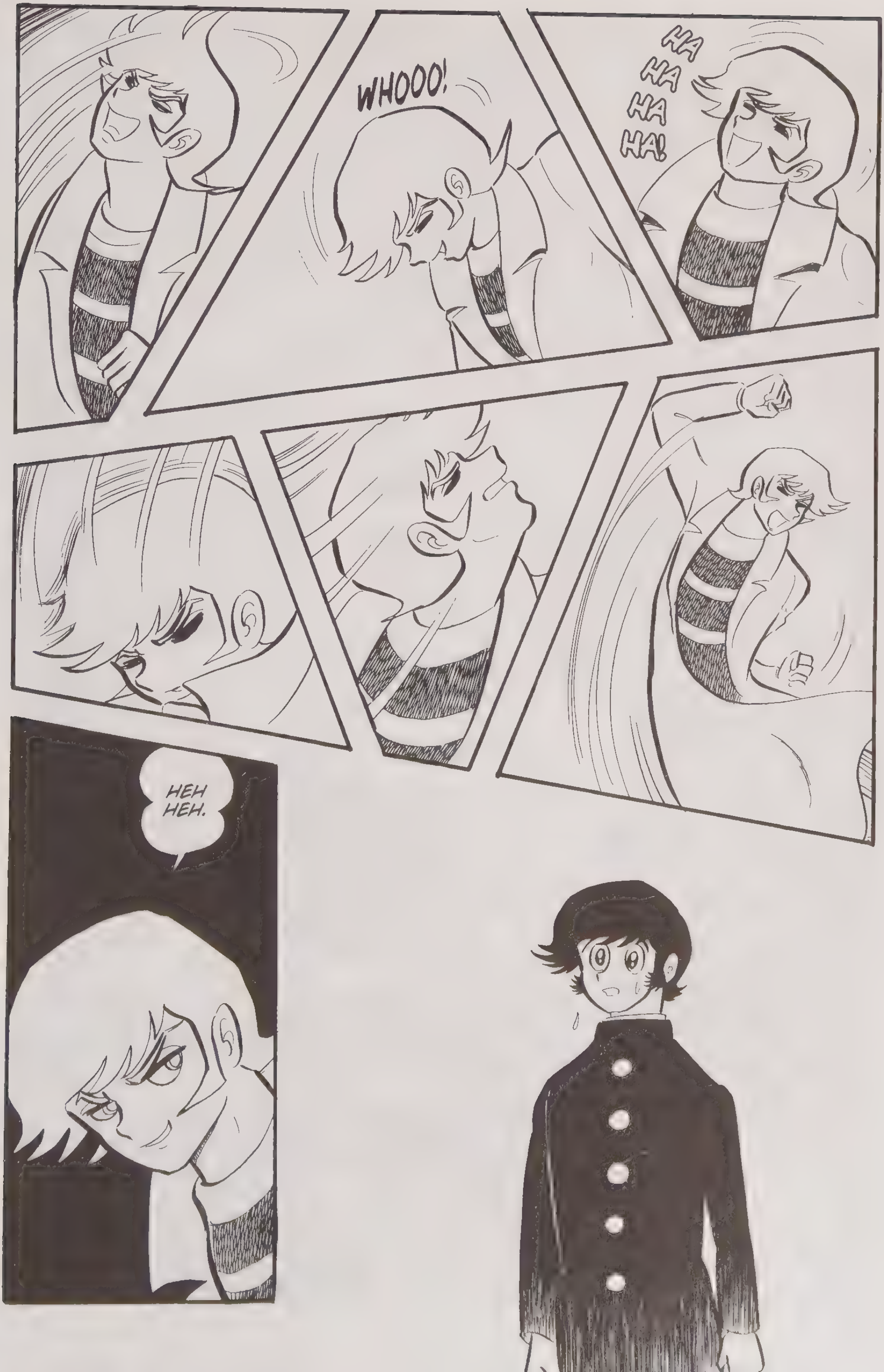
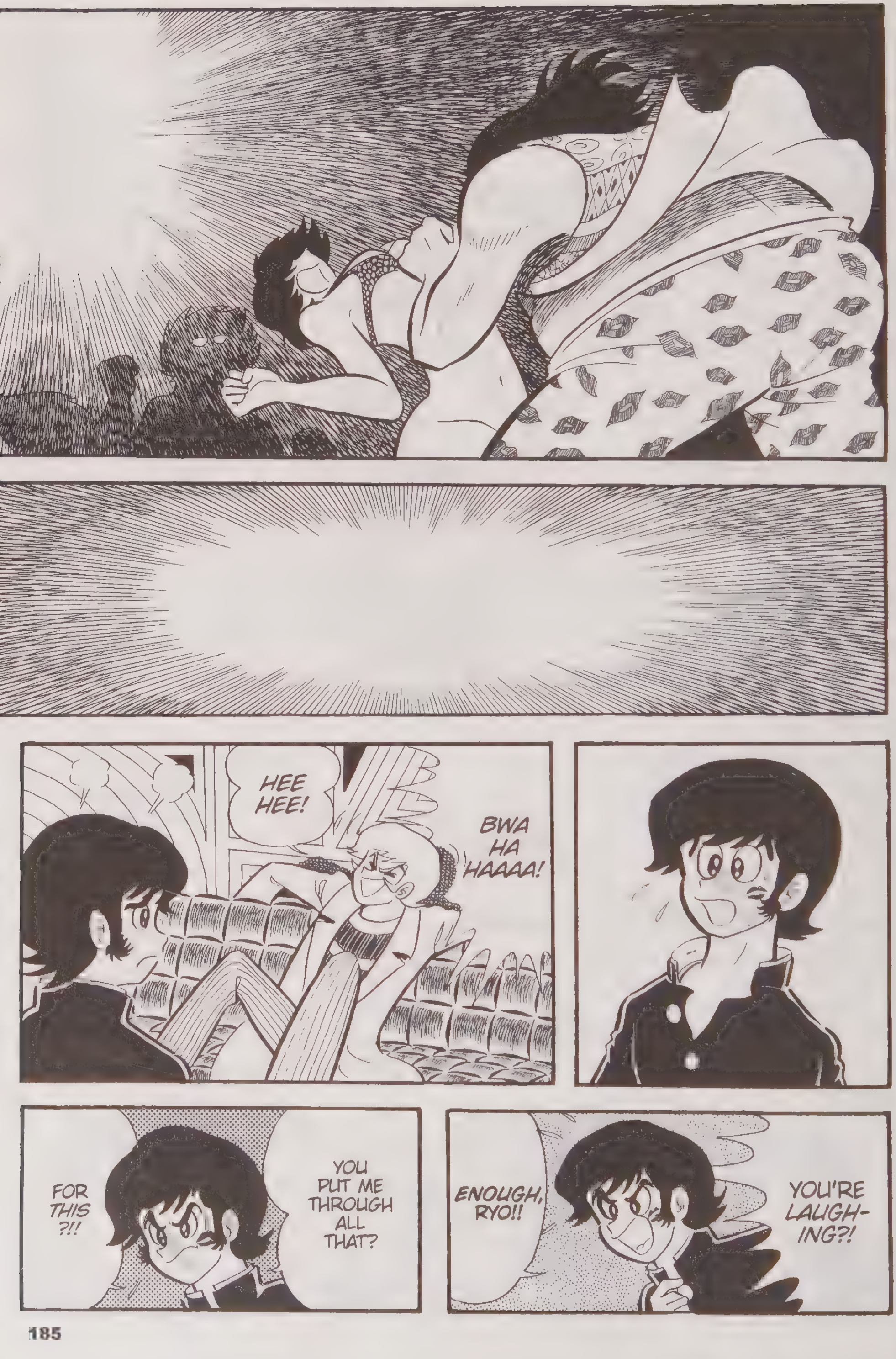
ZWANGA
ZWANGA!!
YEAAAAHHH!!

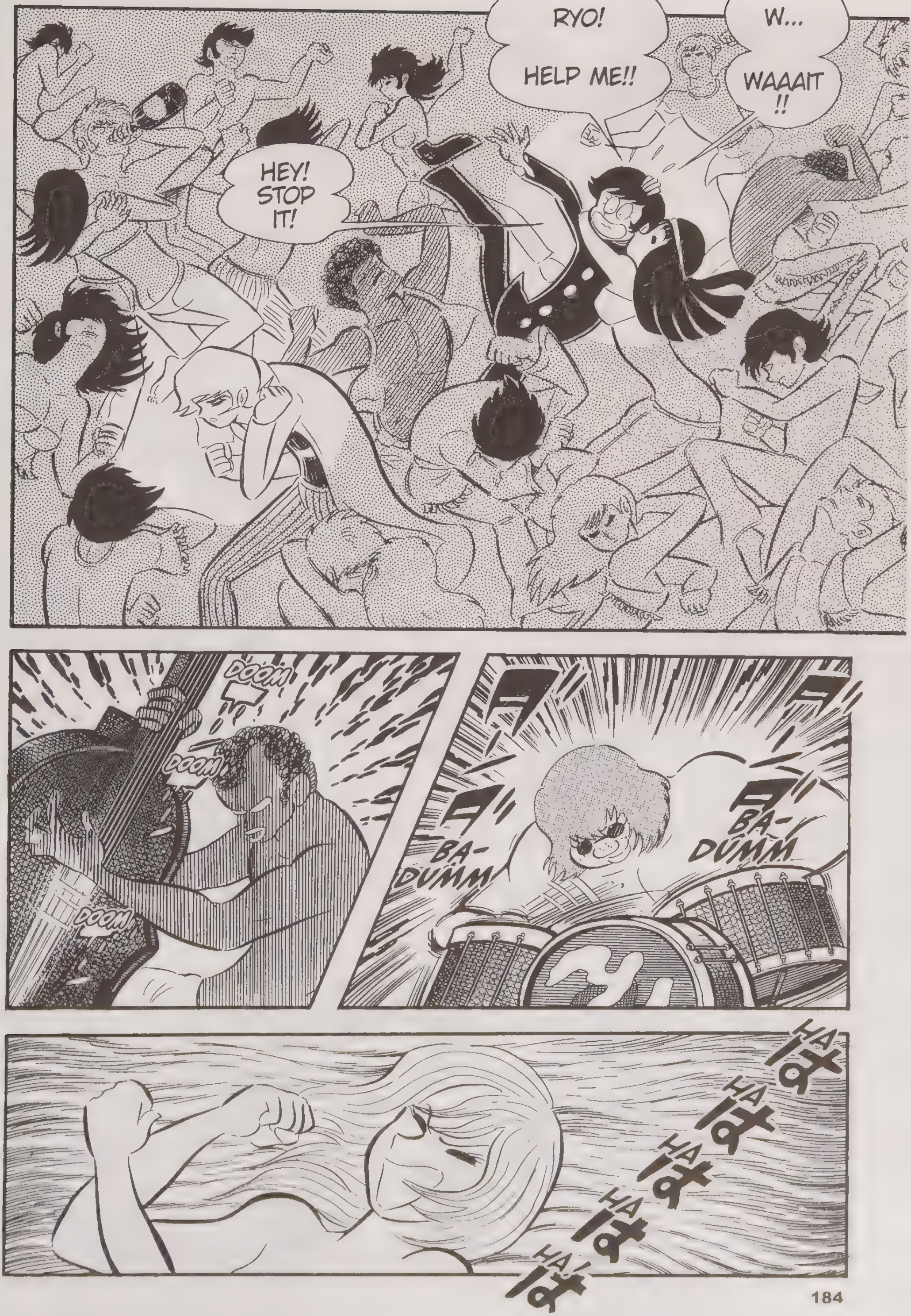

WAH HA HA HA HA!
RYO...


WHAT...
THE HELL?
THIS IS A DANCE CLUB!
WHAT'S *WITH* THESE PEOPLE?
HEH HEH.
IT'S A SABBATH.
SABBATH?
?
A *BLACK* SABBATH. WORSHIPPING THE DEVIL.
HEH HEH HEH.


COME ON, AKIRA! JOIN IN THE DANCE!
RYO!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
HEY!
IS THIS ALL SOME KIND OF *JOKE*?!
ARE YOU *BOYS* ONLY?
OR DO YOU WANNA PLAY WITH ME?
WHA?
SMOOCH
H... HEY!


HA HA HA HA!
WHOOO!
HEH HEH.


BWA HA HAAAA!
HEE HEE!
YOU'RE LAUGHING?!
ENOUGH, RYO!!
YOU PUT ME THROUGH ALL THAT?
FOR THIS?!!


W...
WAAAIT!!
RYO!
HELP ME!!
HEY! STOP IT!
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BA-DUMM
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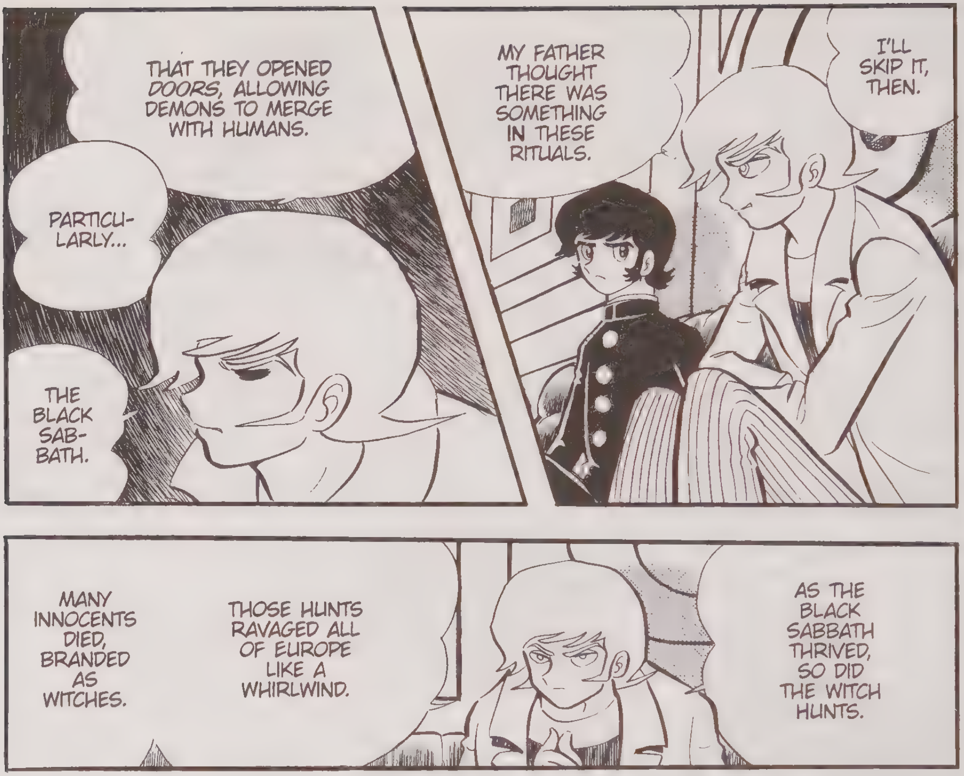
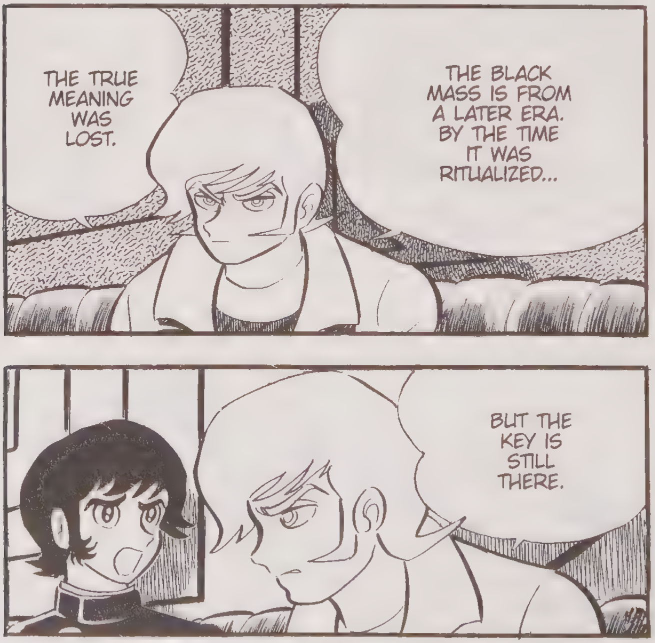
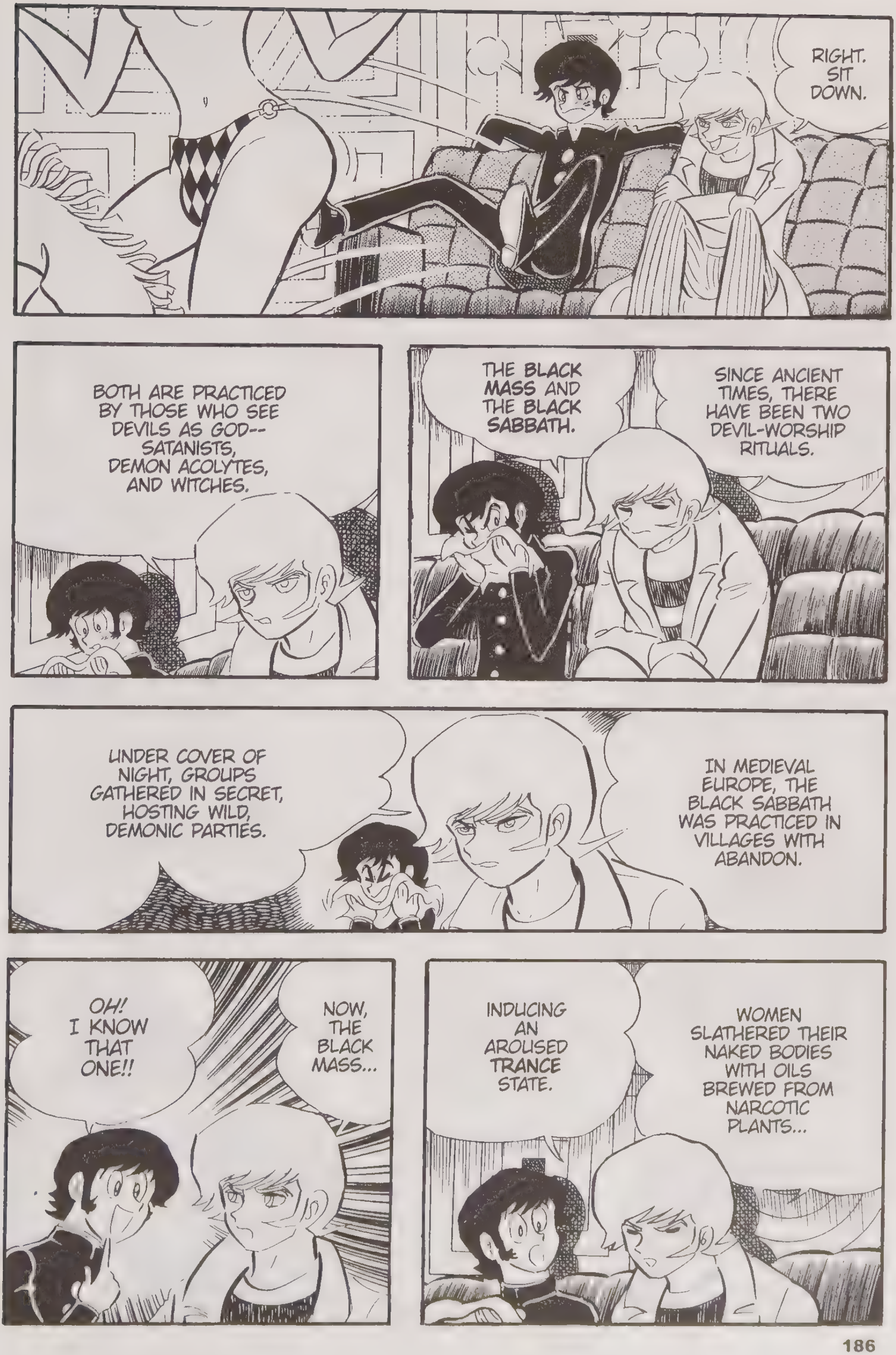
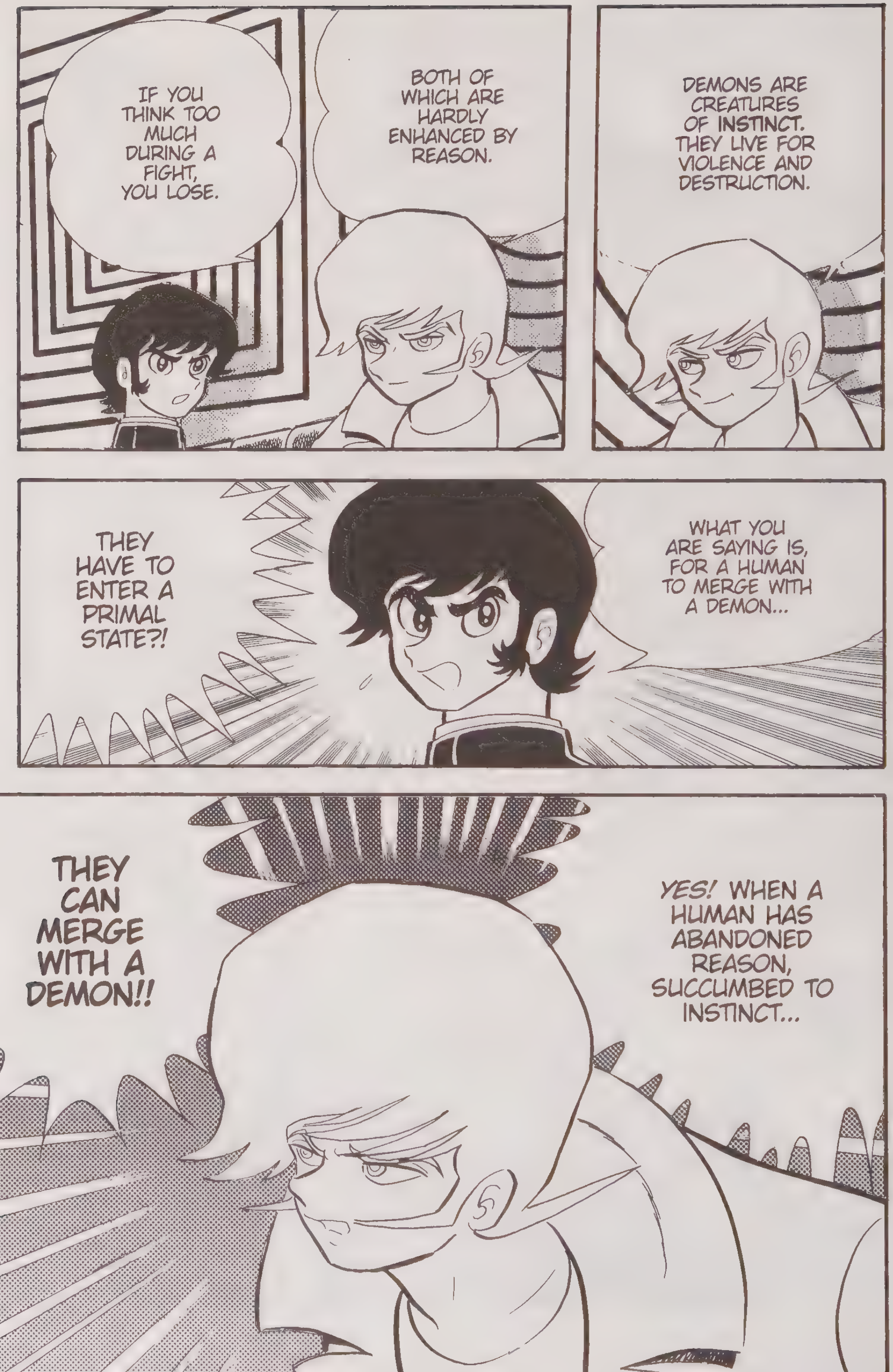

I'LL SKIP IT, THEN.
MY FATHER THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THESE RITUALS.
THAT THEY OPENED *DOORS*, ALLOWING DEMONS TO MERGE WITH HUMANS.
PARTICULARLY...
THE BLACK SABBATH.
AS THE BLACK SABBATH THRIVED, SO DID THE WITCH HUNTS.
THOSE HUNTS RAVAGED ALL OF EUROPE LIKE A WHIRLWIND.
MANY INNOCENTS DIED, BRANDED AS WITCHES.

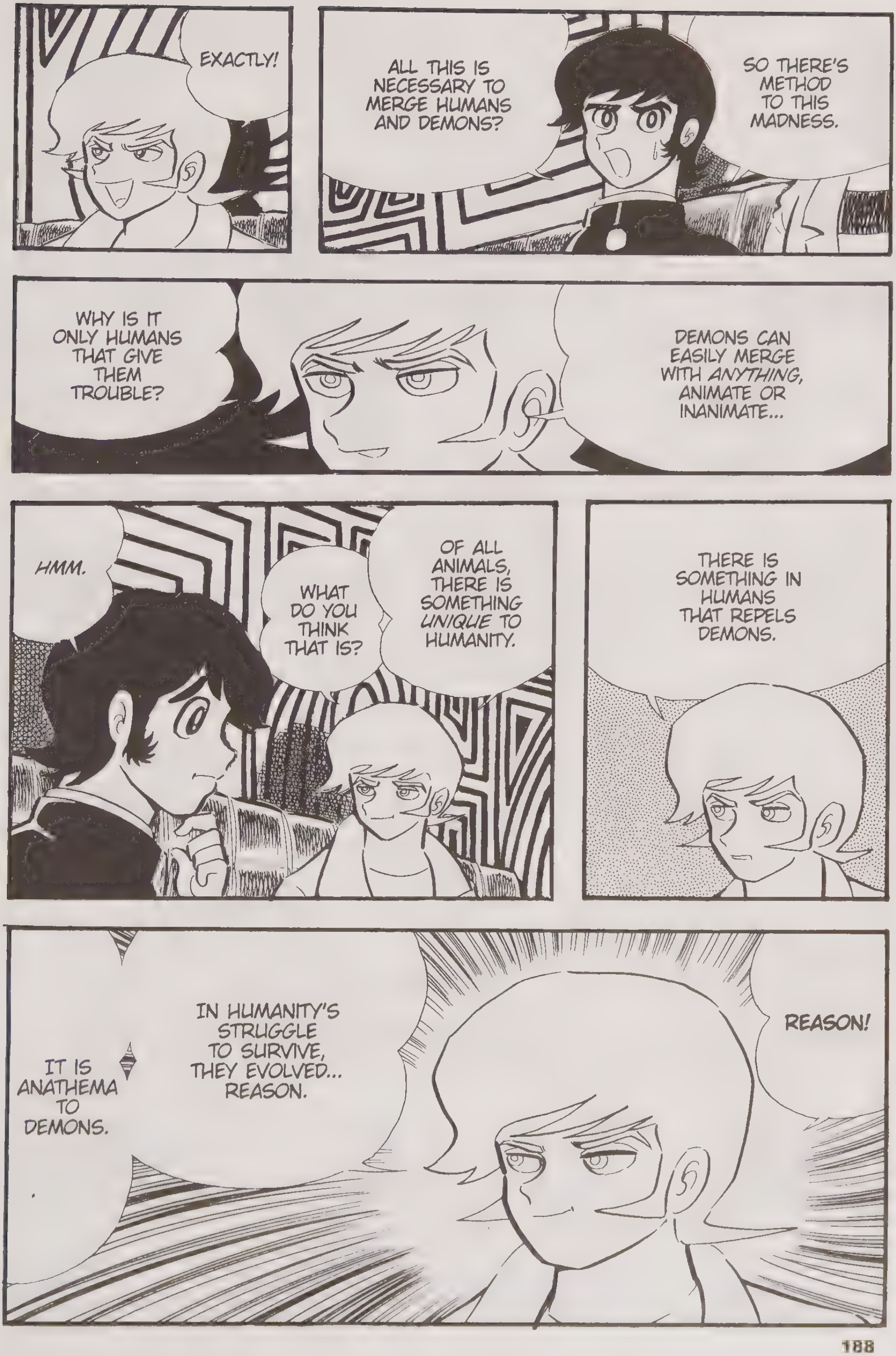

THE BLACK MASS IS FROM A LATER ERA. BY THE TIME IT WAS RITUALIZED...
THE TRUE MEANING WAS LOST.
BUT THE KEY IS STILL THERE.

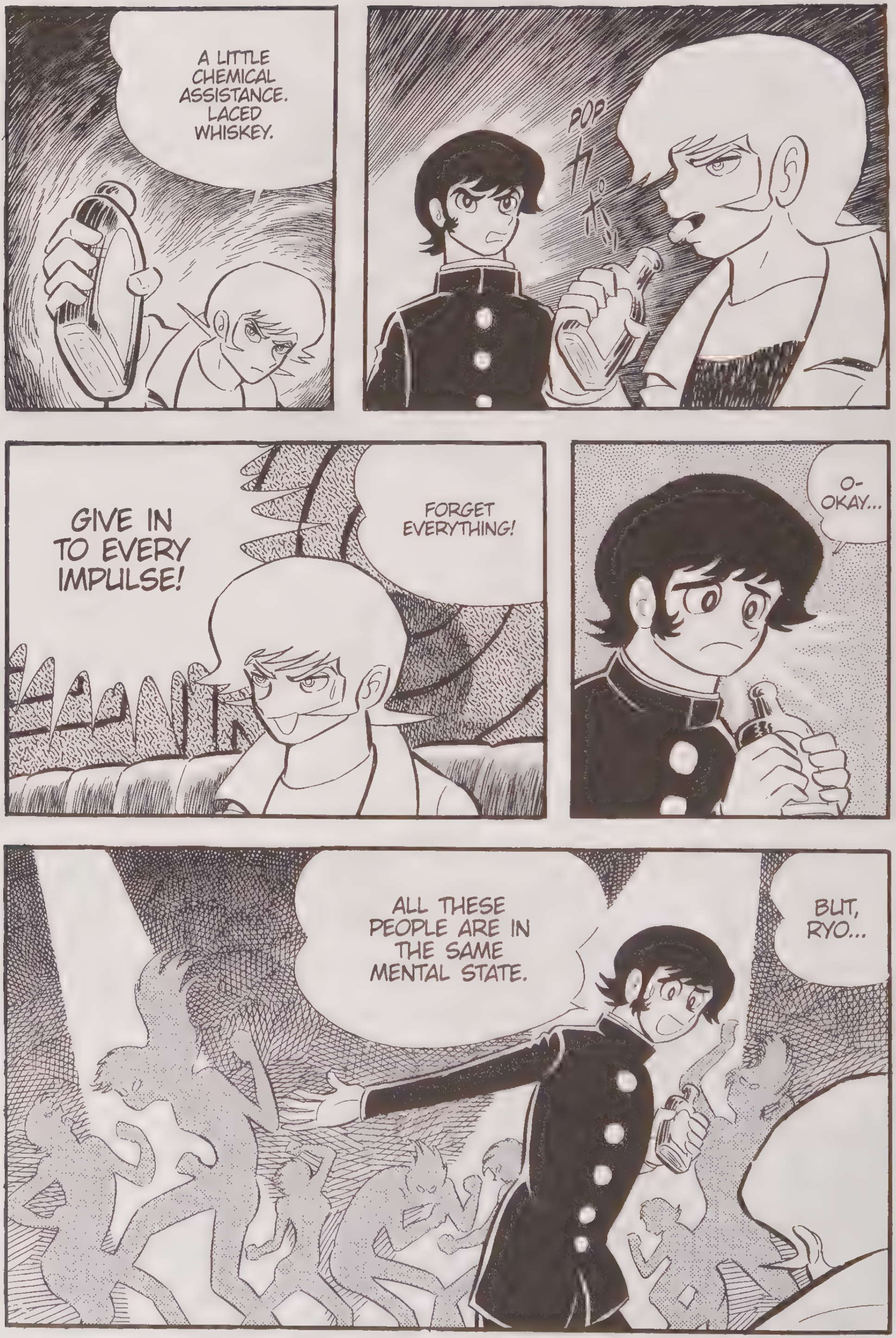
The Witch Hunt started in 13th century France. By the time it reached its peak in the 17th century, all of Western Europe was swept up in its madness. To be declared a witch meant a trial; wealth and station would not protect you. Confessions were extracted with merciless torture. Inquisitors possessed multiple techniques to elicit admission of guilt. Yet even those who confessed were given no quarter--they were delivered still-living unto the fire.

More than nine million people were killed as witches.


RIGHT. SIT DOWN.
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, THERE HAVE BEEN TWO DEVIL-WORSHIP RITUALS.
THE **BLACK MASS** AND THE **BLACK SABBATH**.
BOTH ARE PRACTICED BY THOSE WHO SEE DEVILS AS GOD-- SATANISTS, DEMON ACOLYTES, AND WITCHES.
IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE, THE BLACK SABBATH WAS PRACTICED IN VILLAGES WITH ABANDON.
UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, GROUPS GATHERED IN SECRET, HOSTING WILD, DEMONIC PARTIES.
WOMEN SLATHERED THEIR NAKED BODIES WITH OILS BREWED FROM NARCOTIC PLANTS...
INDUCING AN AROUSED TRANCE STATE.
NOW, THE BLACK MASS...
OH! I KNOW THAT ONE!!


DEMONS ARE CREATURES OF INSTINCT. THEY LIVE FOR VIOLENCE AND DESTRUCTION.
BOTH OF WHICH ARE HARDLY ENHANCED BY REASON.
IF YOU THINK TOO MUCH DURING A FIGHT, YOU LOSE.
WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS, FOR A HUMAN TO MERGE WITH A DEMON...
THEY HAVE TO ENTER A PRIMAL STATE?!
YES! WHEN A HUMAN HAS ABANDONED REASON, SUCCUMBED TO INSTINCT...
THEY CAN MERGE WITH A DEMON!!


SO THERE'S METHOD TO THIS MADNESS.
ALL THIS IS NECESSARY TO MERGE HUMANS AND DEMONS?
EXACTLY!
DEMONS CAN EASILY MERGE WITH *ANYTHING*, ANIMATE OR INANIMATE...
WHY IS IT ONLY HUMANS THAT GIVE THEM TROUBLE?
THERE IS SOMETHING IN HUMANS THAT REPELS DEMONS.
OF ALL ANIMALS, THERE IS SOMETHING *UNIQUE* TO HUMANITY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
HMM.
REASON!
IN HUMANITY'S STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE, THEY EVOLVED... REASON.
IT IS ANATHEMA TO DEMONS.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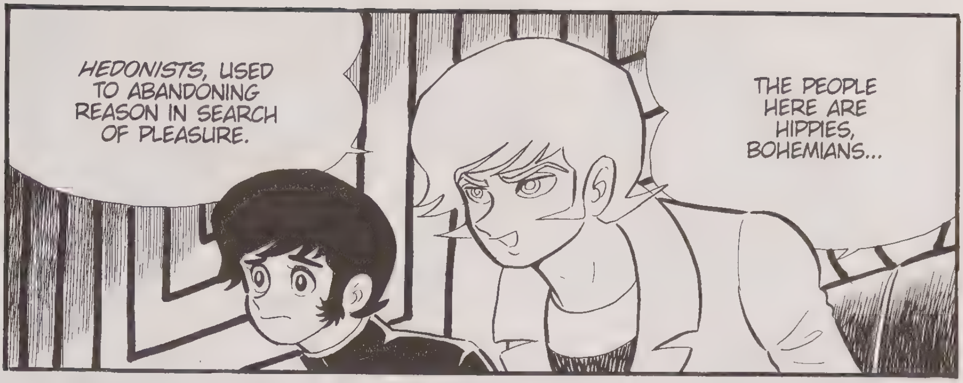
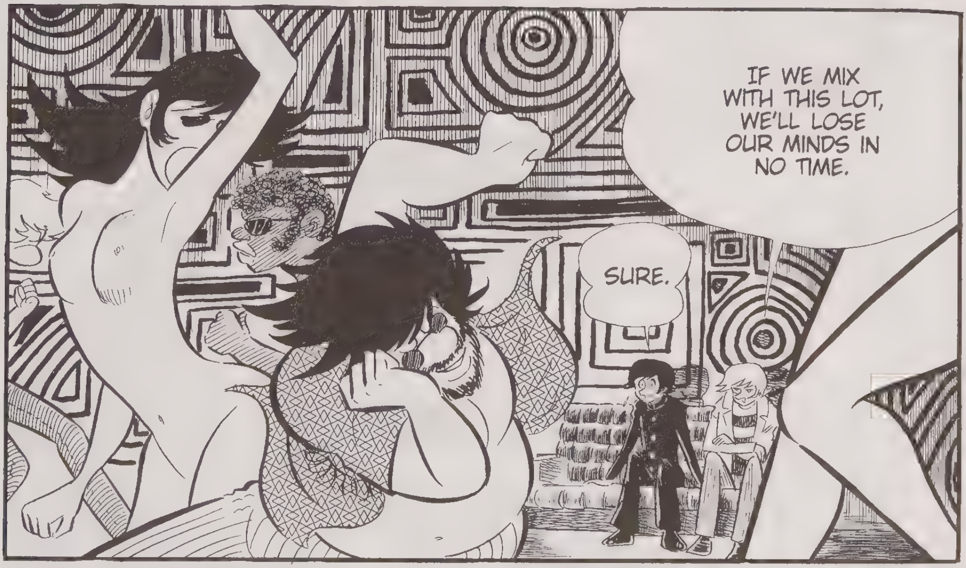
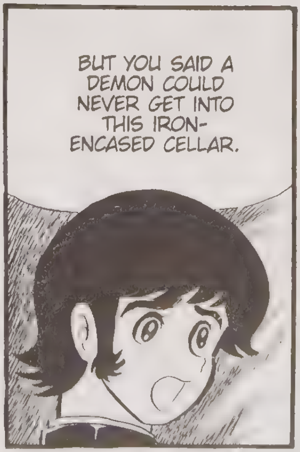
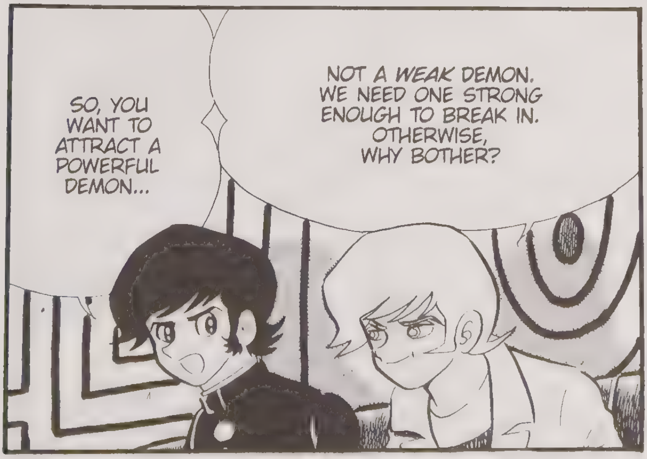
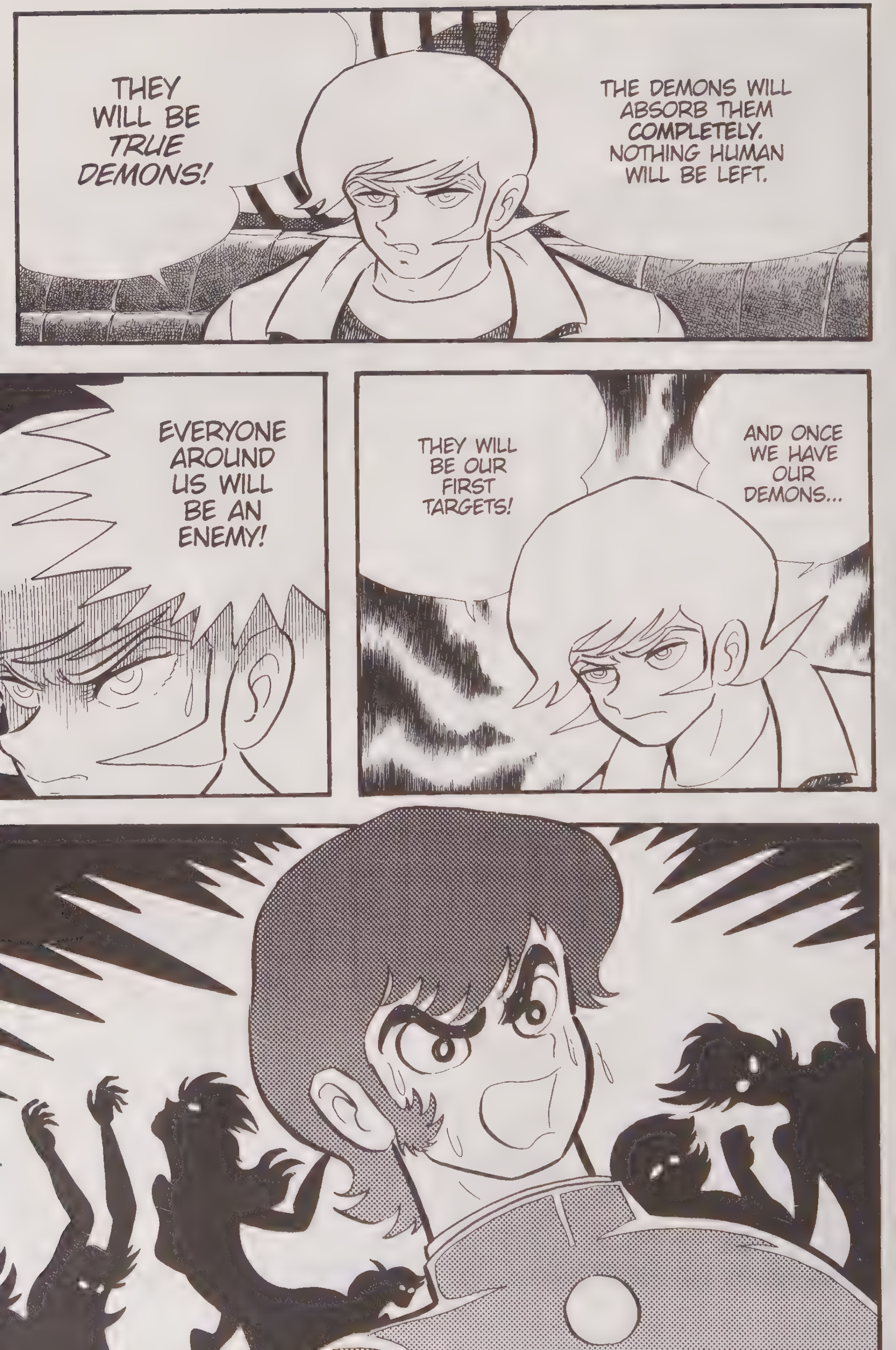
A LITTLE CHEMICAL ASSISTANCE. LACED WHISKEY.
O-OKAY...
FORGET EVERYTHING!
GIVE IN TO EVERY IMPULSE!
BUT, RYO...
ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE IN THE SAME MENTAL STATE.

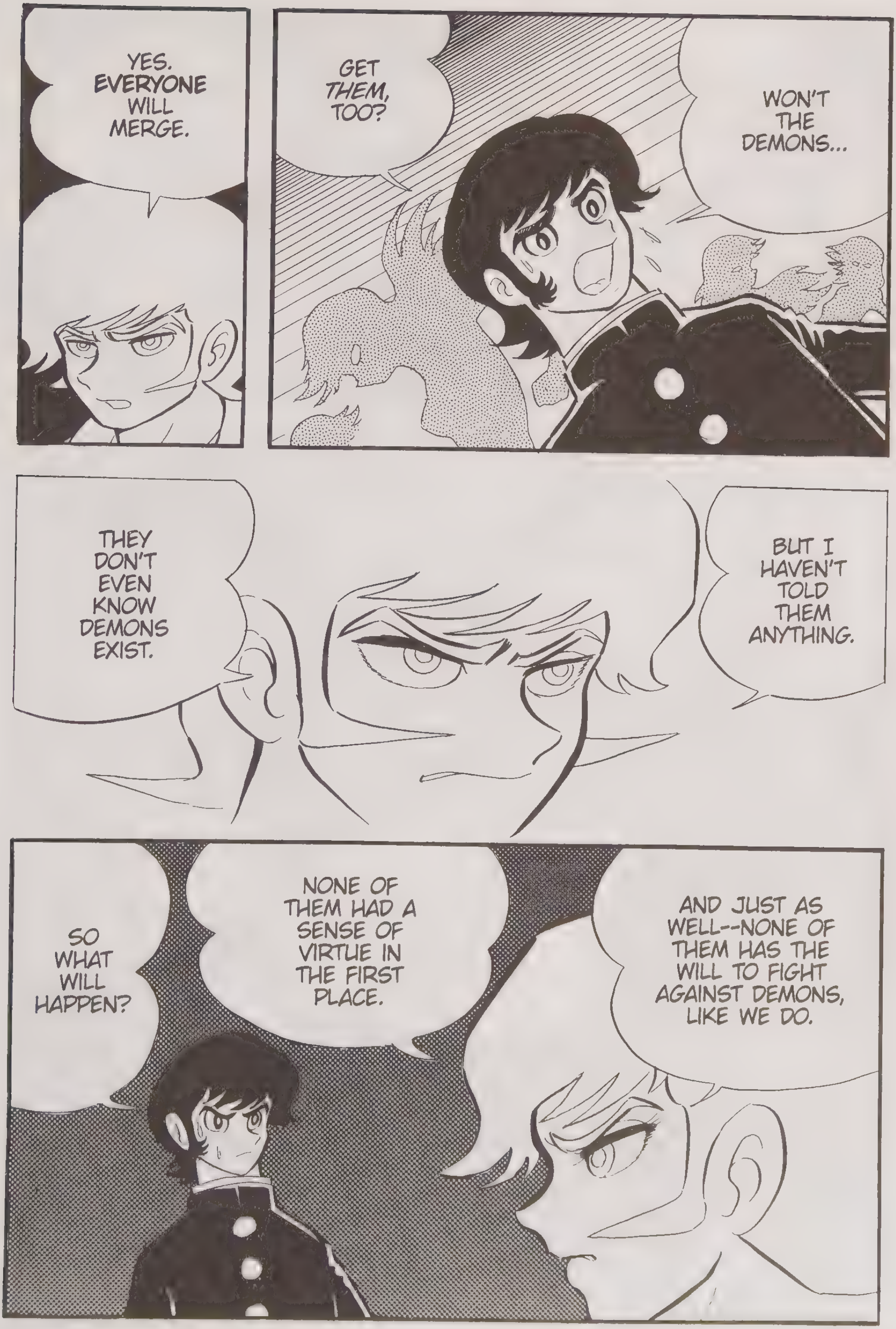

THE PEOPLE HERE ARE HIPPIES, BOHEMIANS...
HEDONISTS, USED TO ABANDONING REASON IN SEARCH OF PLEASURE.

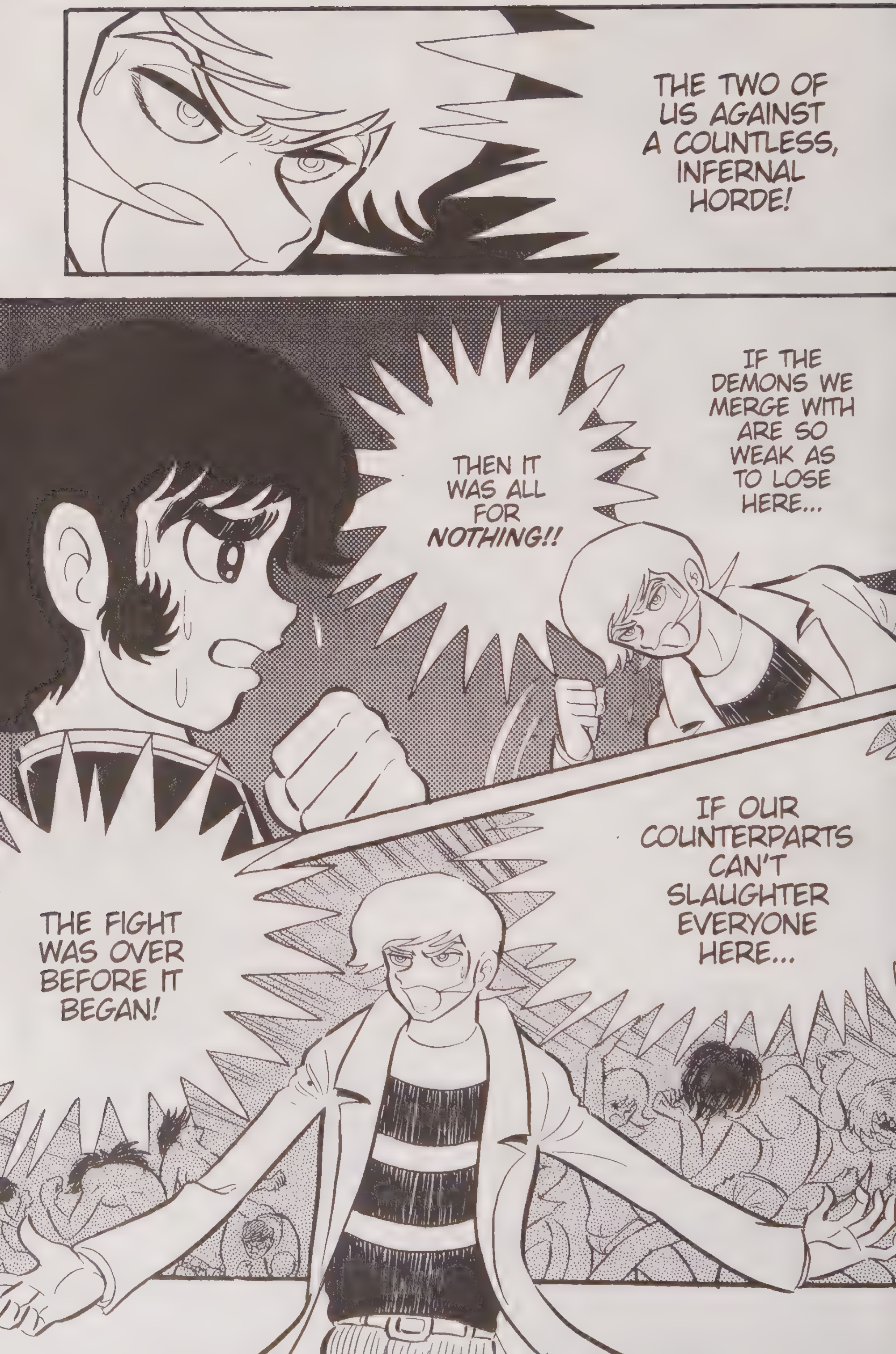

IF WE MIX WITH THIS LOT, WE'LL LOSE OUR MINDS IN NO TIME.
SURE.

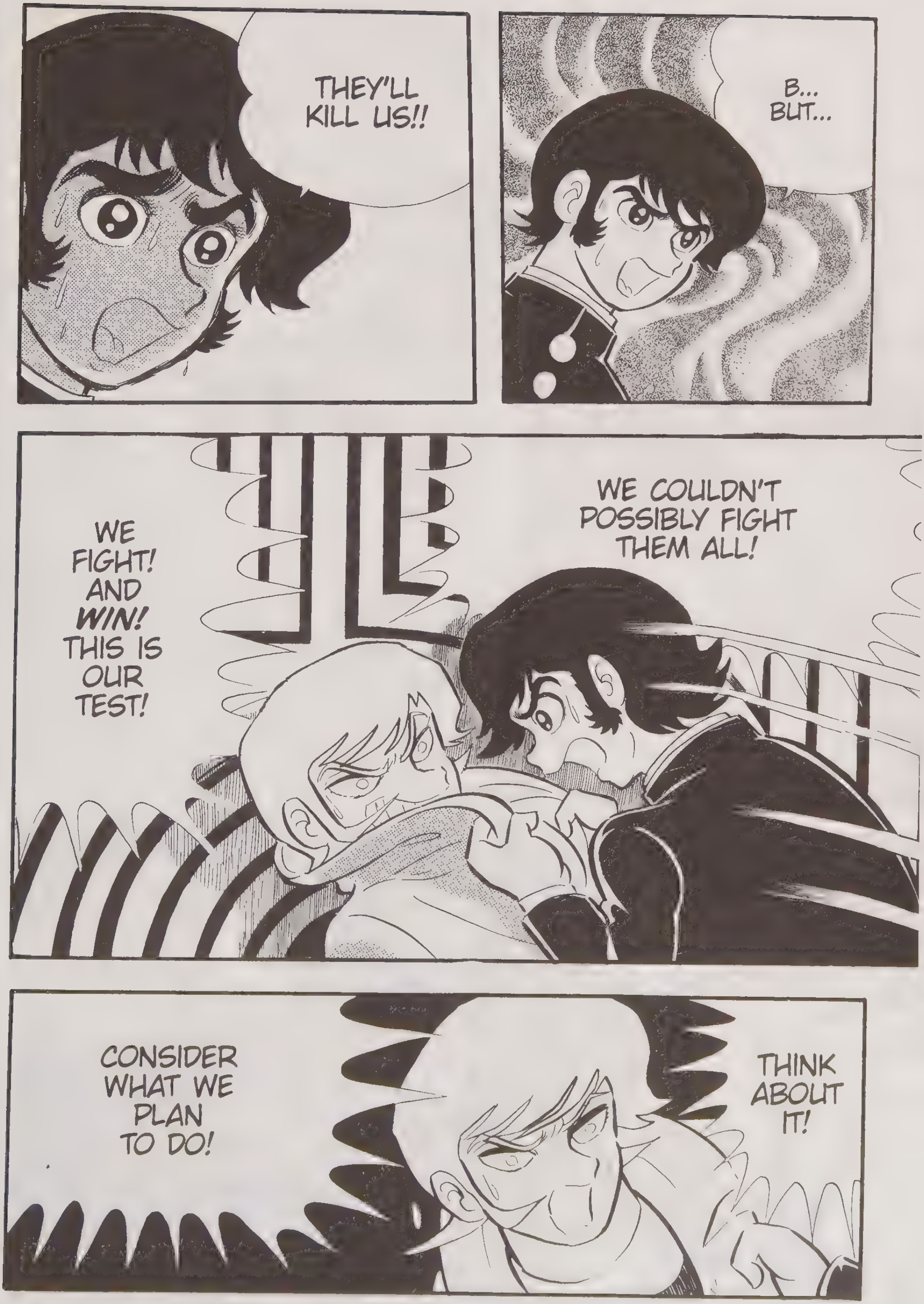

BUT YOU SAID A DEMON COULD NEVER GET INTO THIS IRON-ENCASED CELLAR.

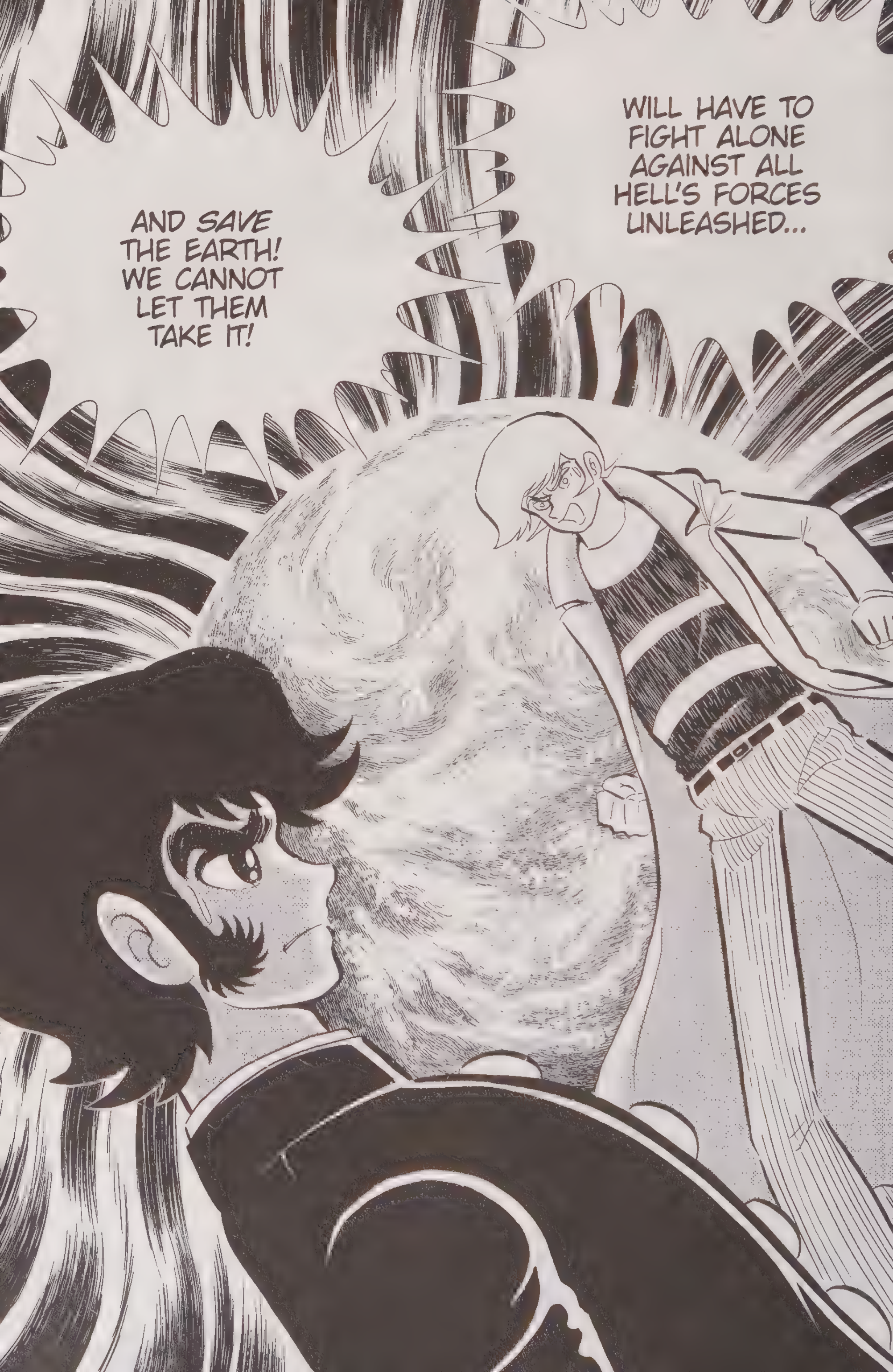

NOT A *WEAK* DEMON. WE NEED ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK IN. OTHERWISE, WHY BOTHER?
SO, YOU WANT TO ATTRACT A POWERFUL DEMON...

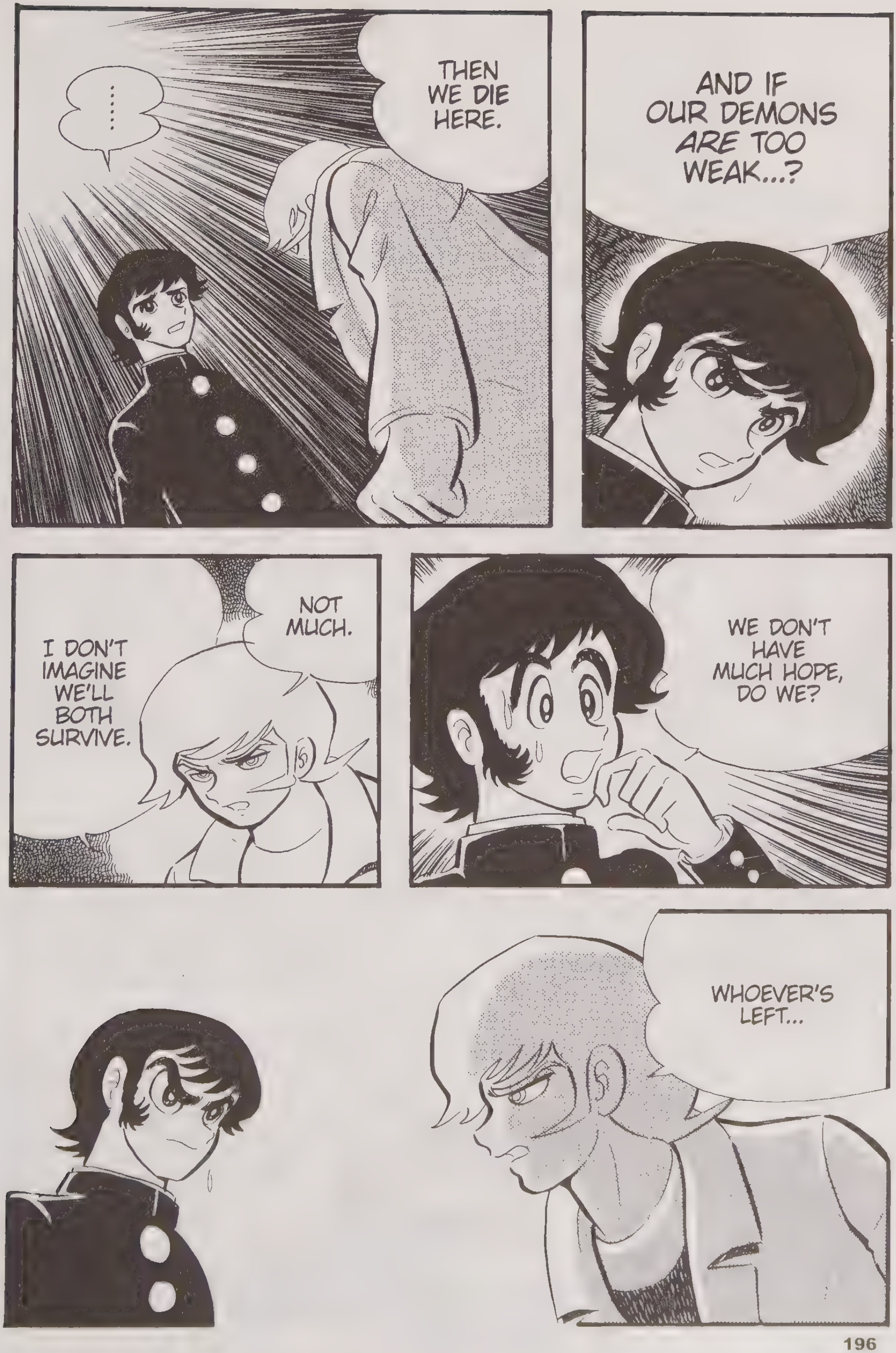

THE DEMONS WILL ABSORB THEM COMPLETELY. NOTHING HUMAN WILL BE LEFT.
THEY WILL BE *TRUE* DEMONS!
AND ONCE WE HAVE OUR DEMONS...
THEY WILL BE OUR FIRST TARGETS!
EVERYONE AROUND US WILL BE AN ENEMY!

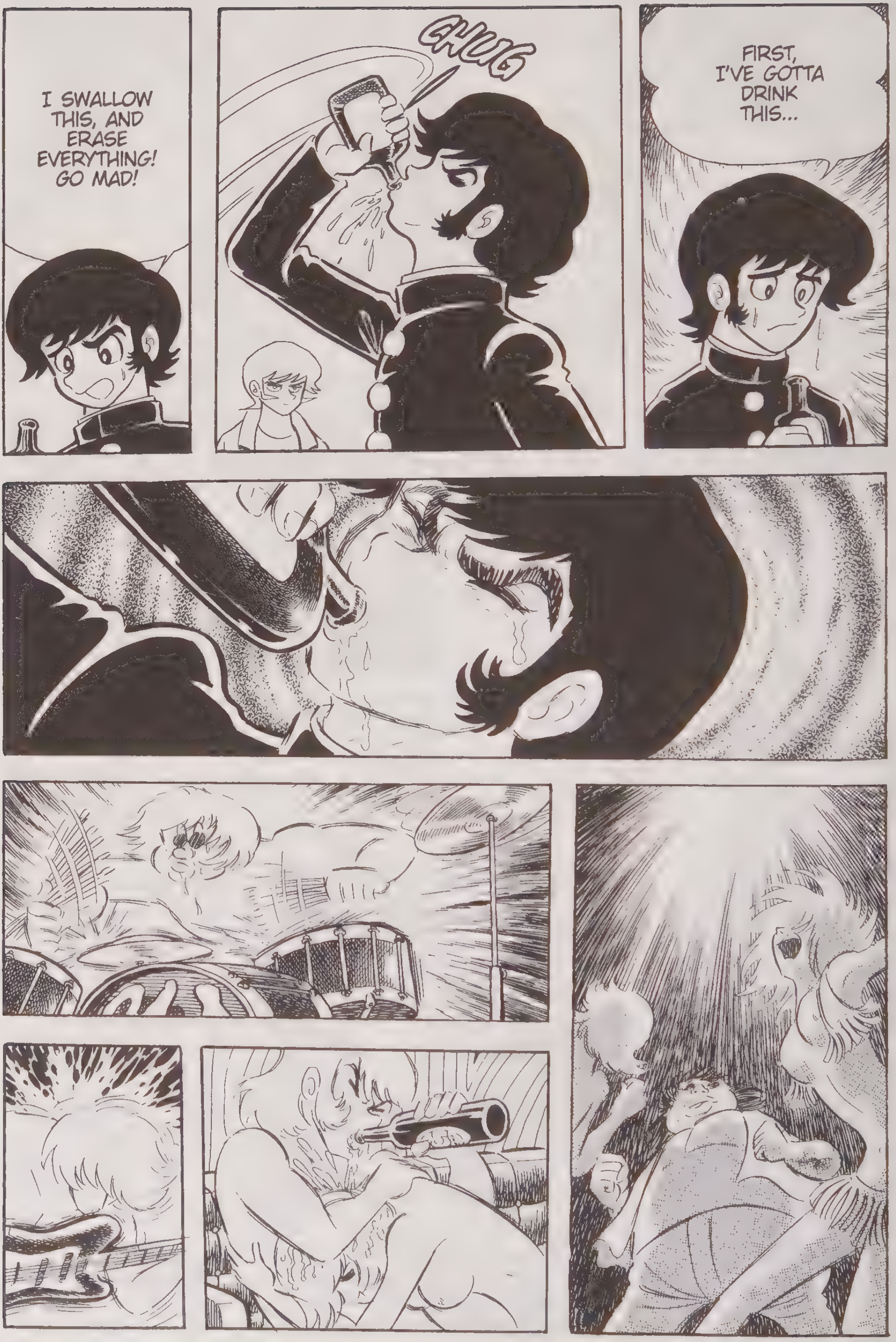

WON'T THE DEMONS...
GET *THEM*, TOO?
YES. EVERYONE WILL MERGE.
BUT I HAVEN'T TOLD THEM ANYTHING.
THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW DEMONS EXIST.
AND JUST AS WELL--NONE OF THEM HAS THE WILL TO FIGHT AGAINST DEMONS, LIKE WE DO.
NONE OF THEM HAD A SENSE OF VIRTUE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

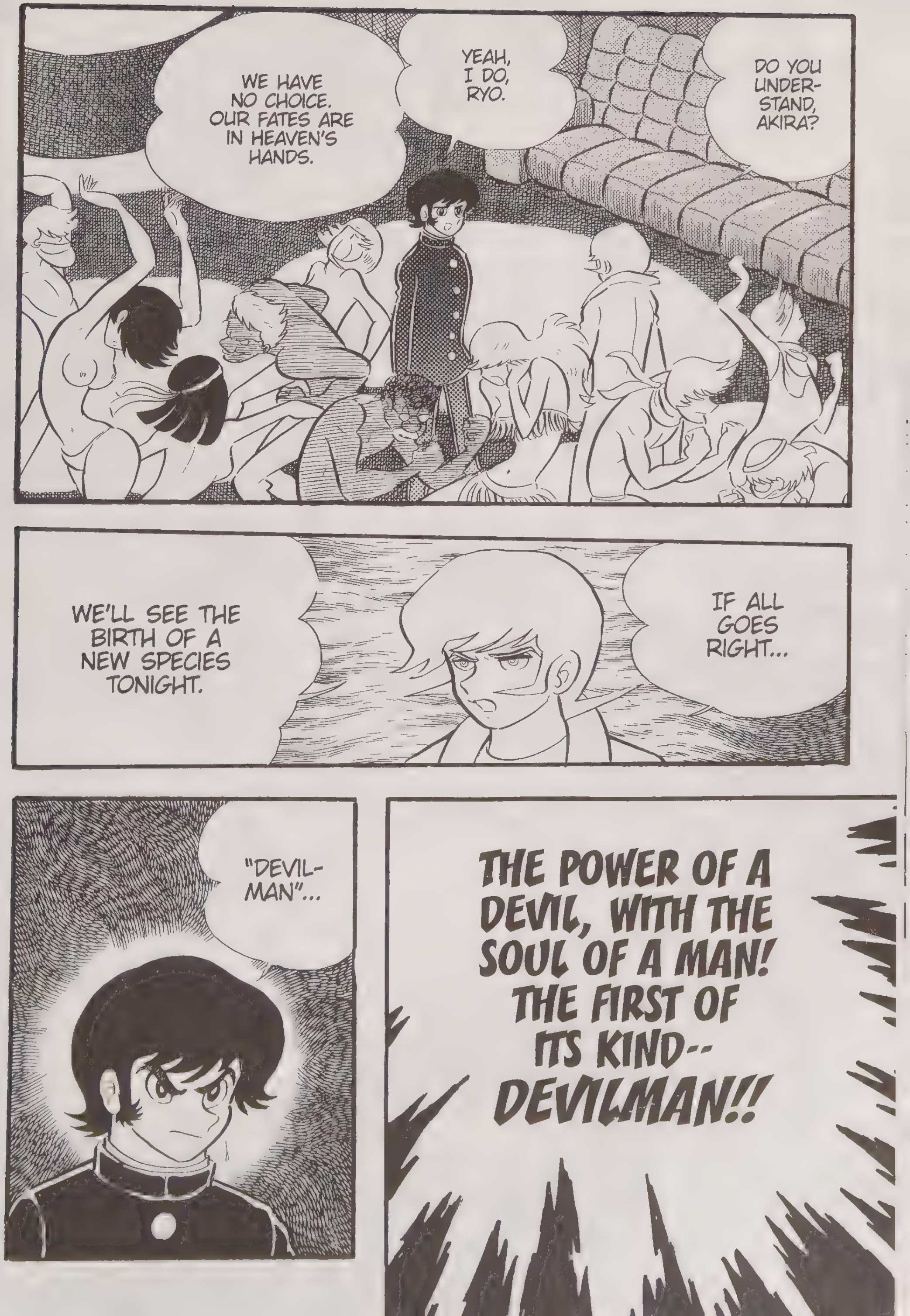

THE TWO OF US AGAINST A COUNTLESS, INFERNAL HORDE!
IF THE DEMONS WE MERGE WITH ARE SO WEAK AS TO LOSE HERE...
THEN IT WAS ALL FOR *NOTHING!!*
IF OUR COUNTERPARTS CAN'T SLAUGHTER EVERYONE HERE...
THE FIGHT WAS OVER BEFORE IT BEGAN!

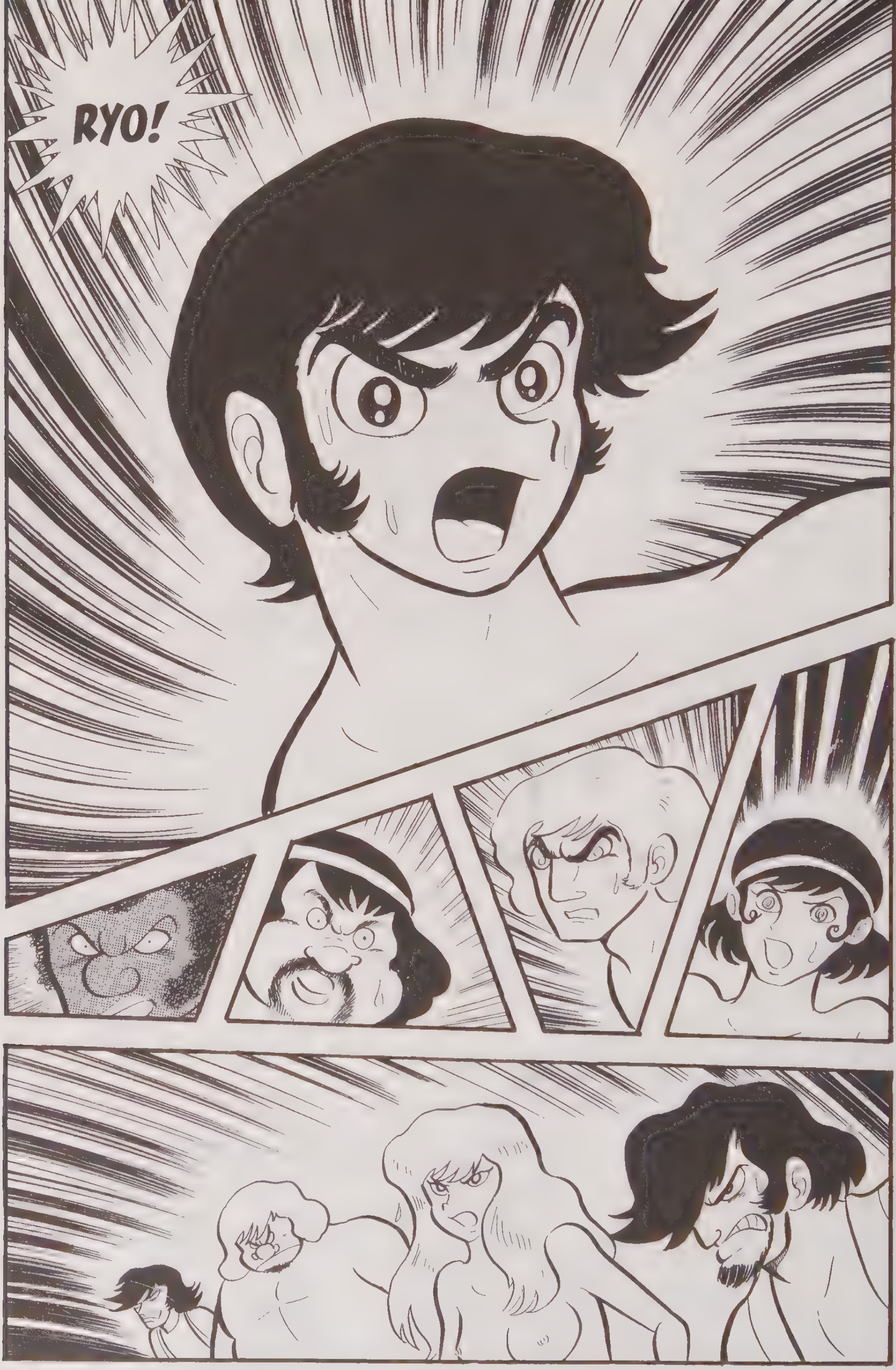

THEY'LL KILL US!!
B... BUT...
WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT THEM ALL!
WE FIGHT! AND *WIN!* THIS IS OUR TEST!
CONSIDER WHAT WE PLAN TO DO!
THINK ABOUT IT!

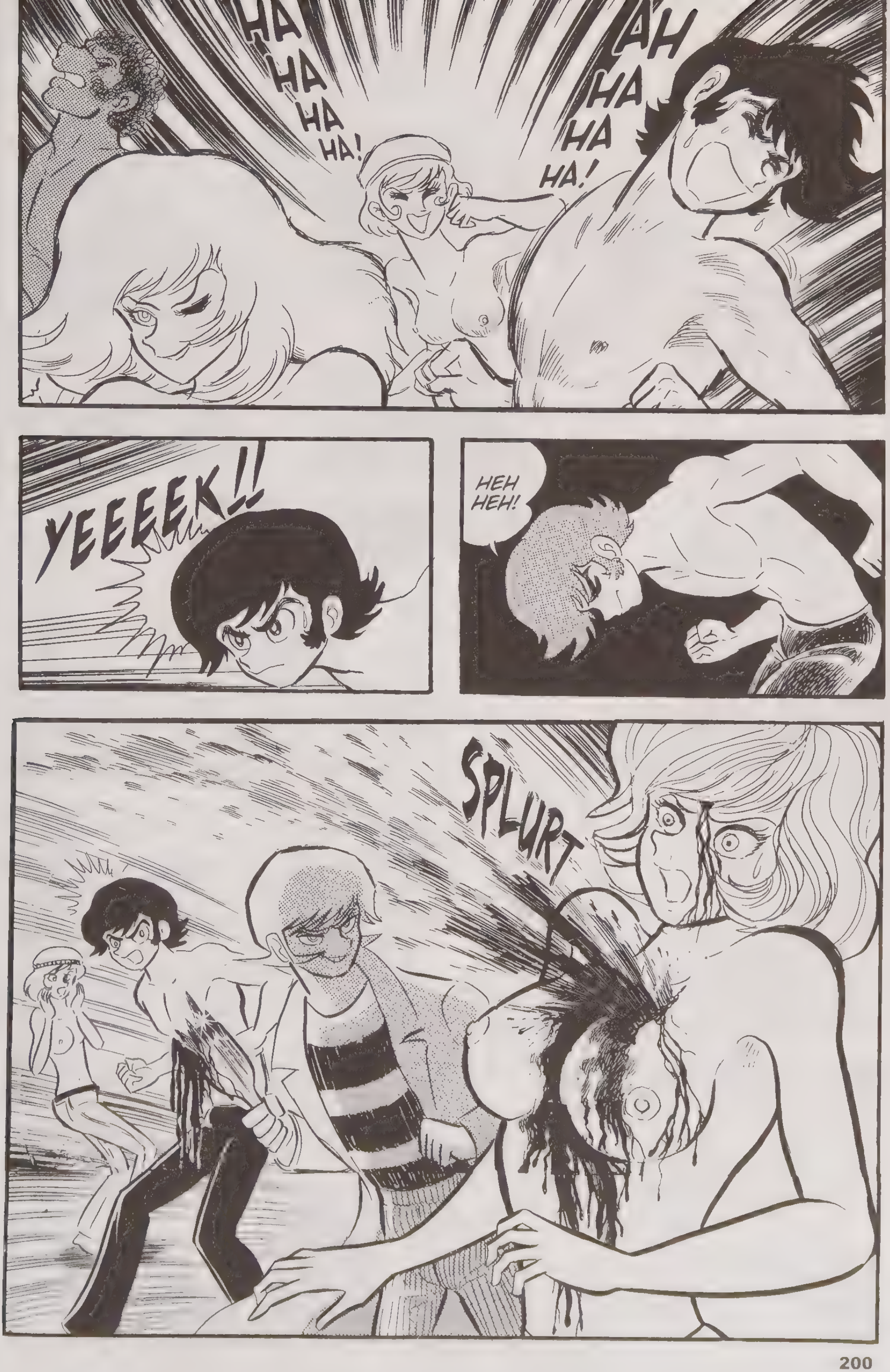

WILL HAVE TO FIGHT ALONE AGAINST ALL HELL'S FORCES UNLEASHED...
AND SAVE THE EARTH! WE CANNOT LET THEM TAKE IT!

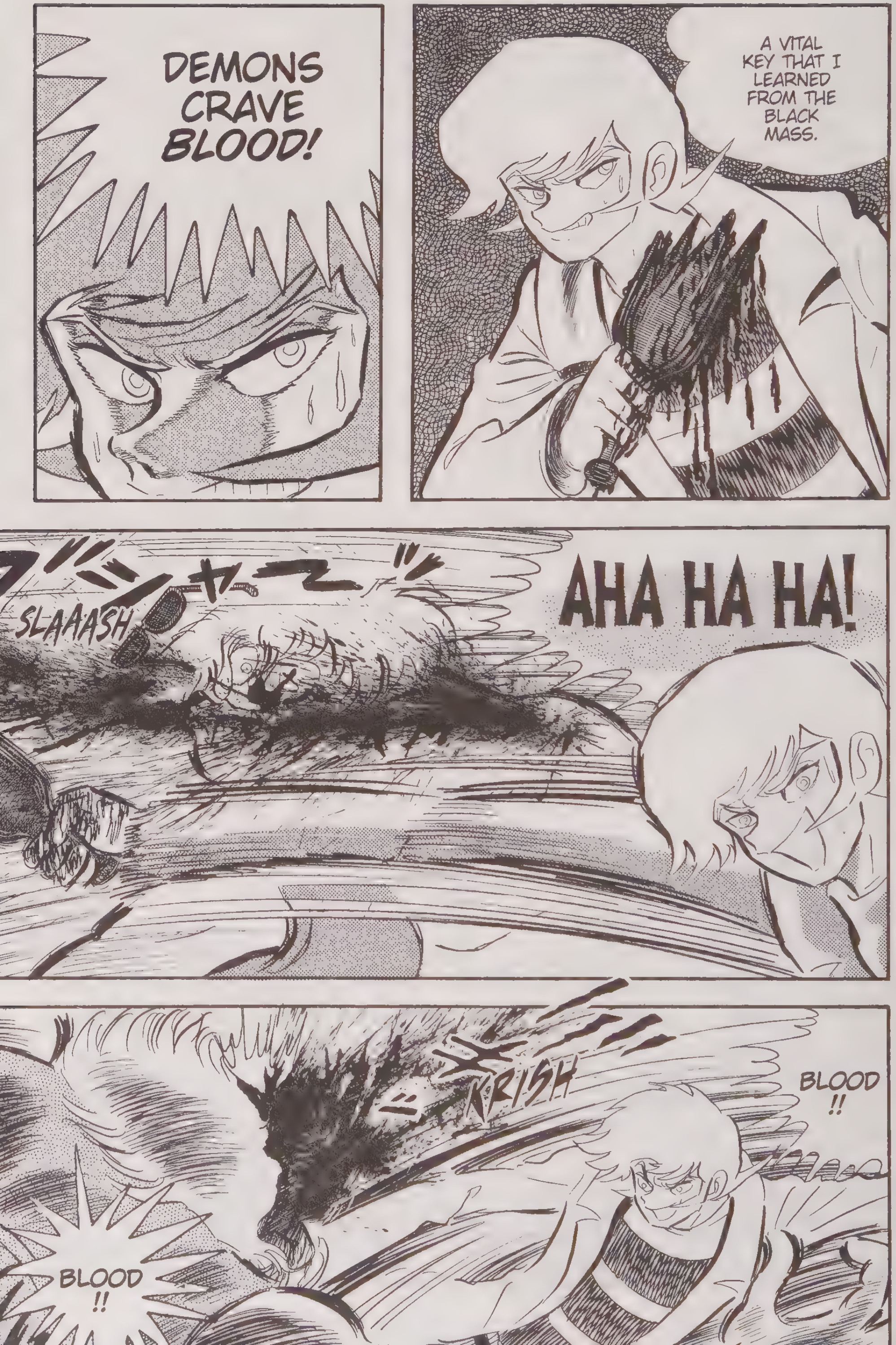

AND IF OUR DEMONS *ARE* TOO WEAK...?
THEN WE DIE HERE.
......
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH HOPE, DO WE?
NOT MUCH.
I DON'T IMAGINE WE'LL BOTH SURVIVE.
WHOEVER'S LEFT...

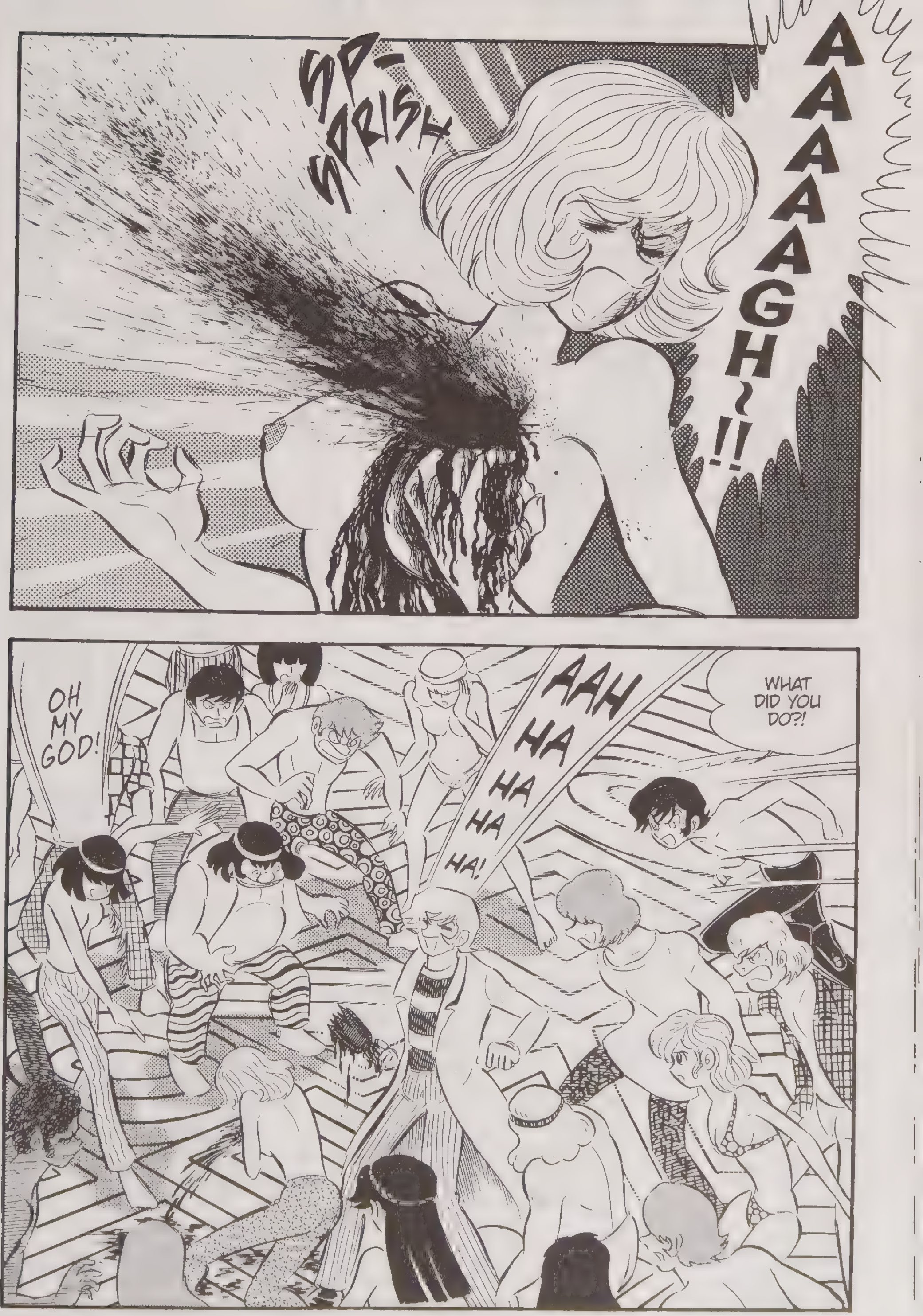

FIRST, I'VE GOTTA DRINK THIS...
CHUG
I SWALLOW THIS, AND ERASE EVERYTHING! GO MAD!

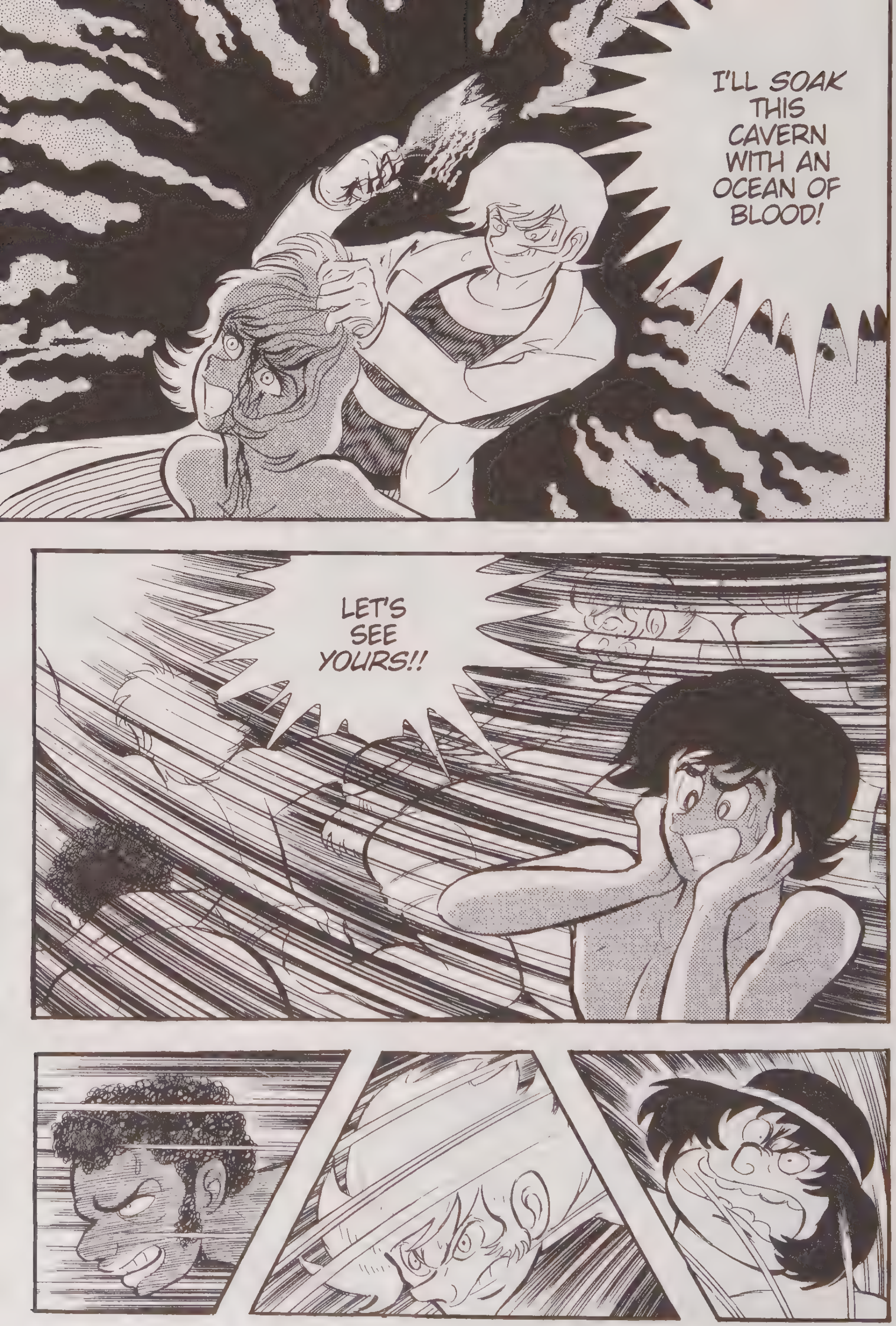

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, AKIRA?
YEAH, I DO, RYO.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. OUR FATES ARE IN HEAVEN'S HANDS.
IF ALL GOES RIGHT...
WE'LL SEE THE BIRTH OF A NEW SPECIES TONIGHT.
"DEVIL-MAN"...
THE POWER OF A DEVIL, WITH THE SOUL OF A MAN! THE FIRST OF ITS KIND-- DEVILMAN!!

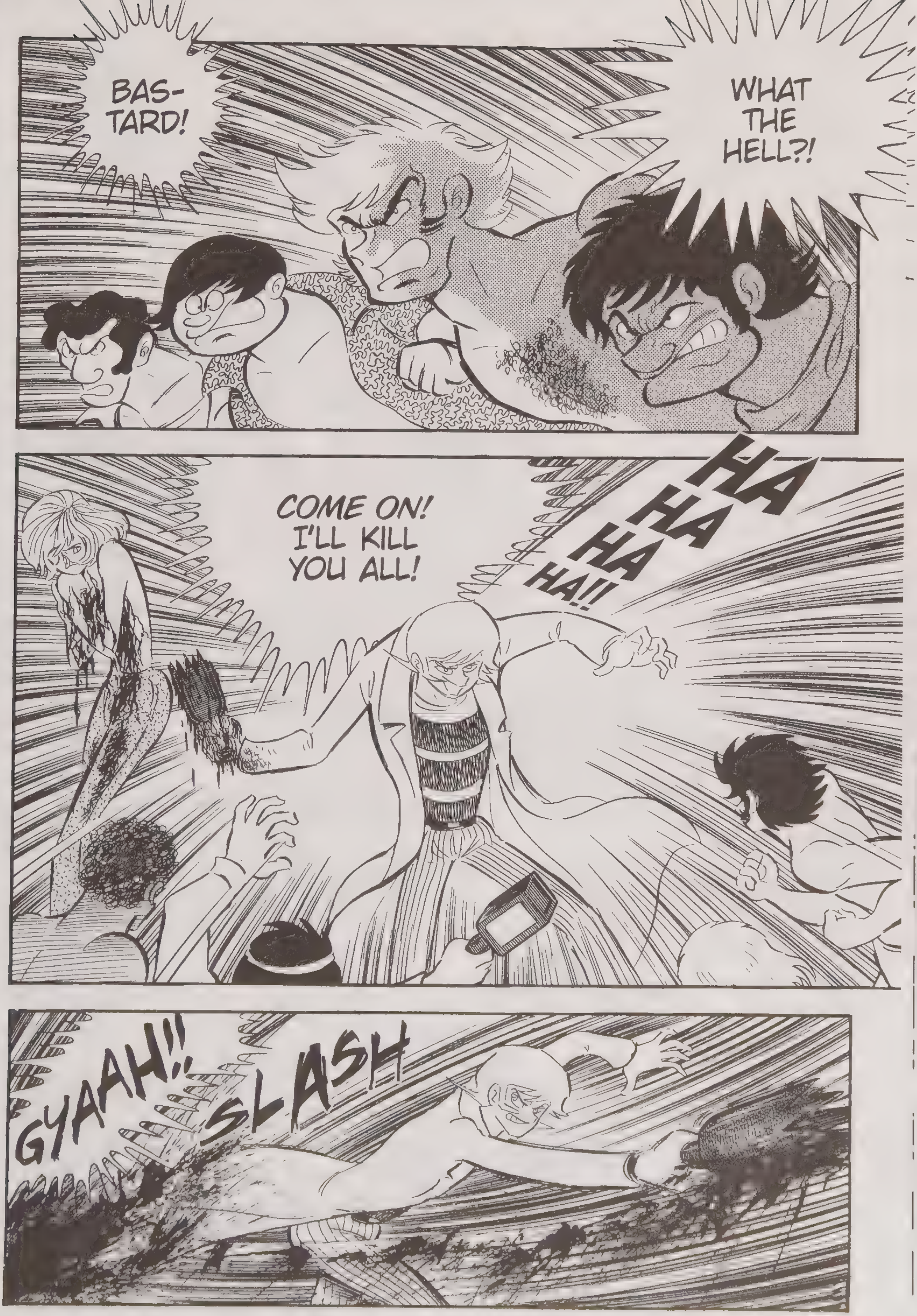

RYO!

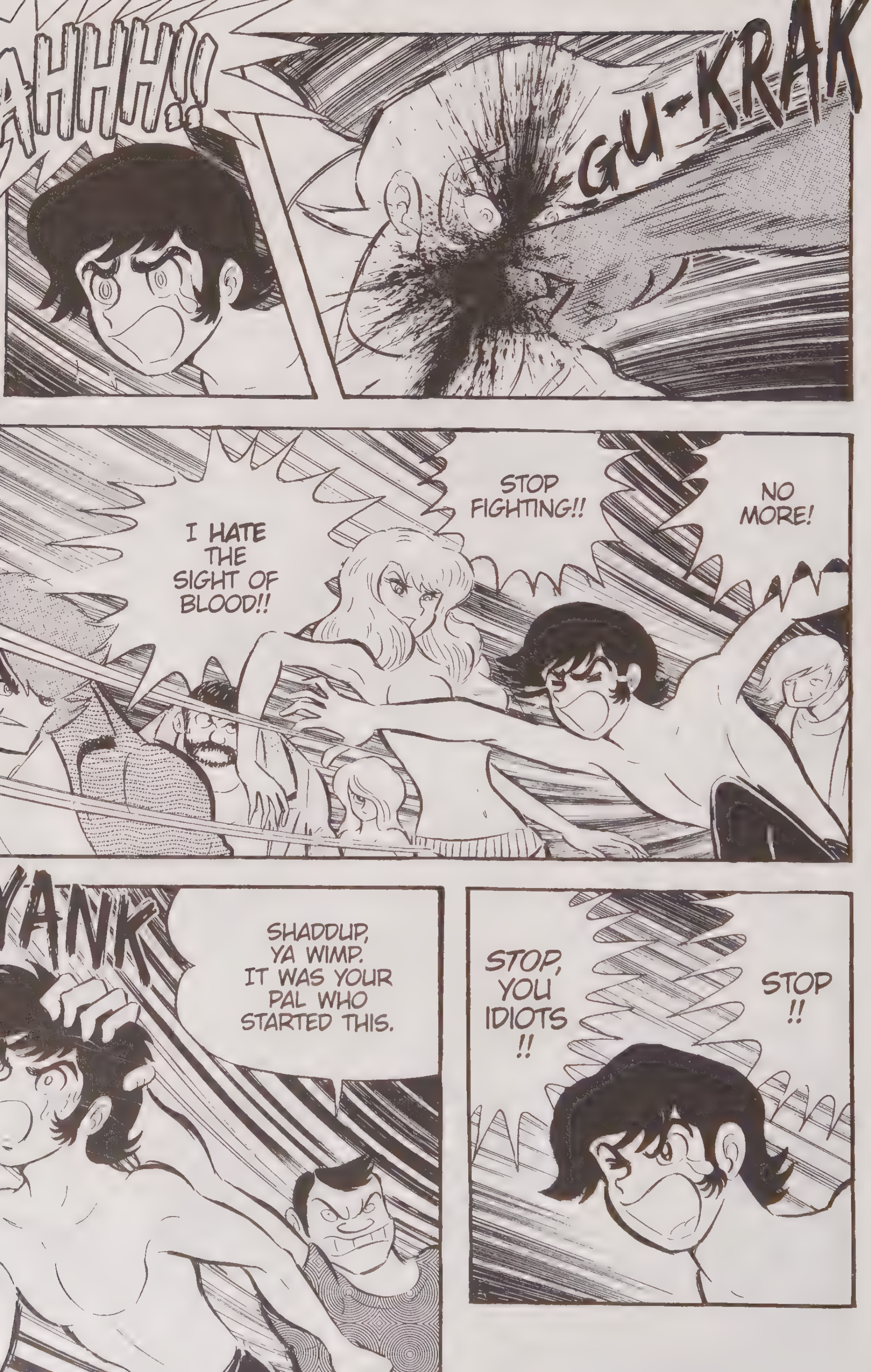

AH HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA!
HEH HEH!
YEEEEK!!
SPLURT

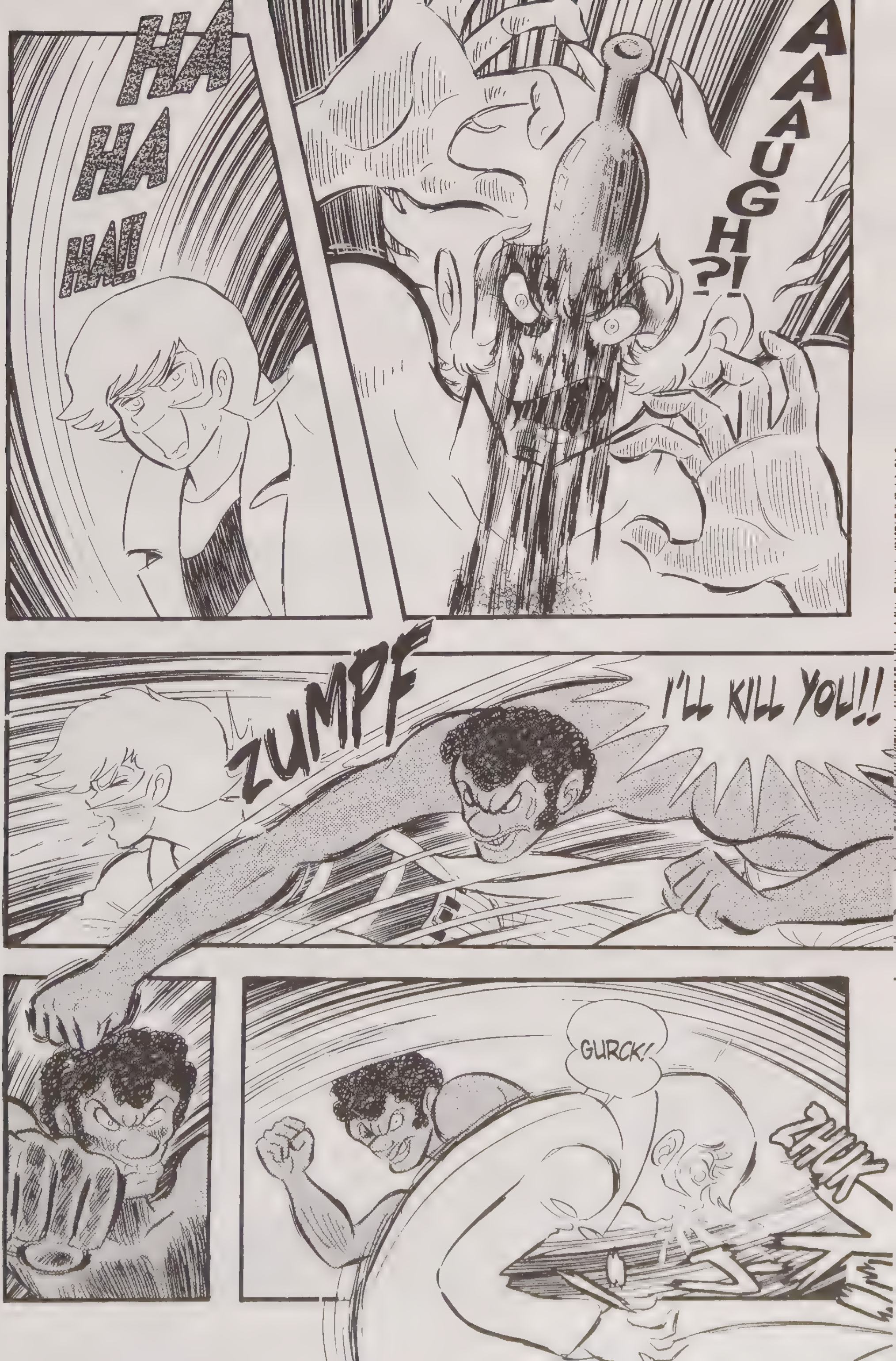

A VITAL KEY THAT I LEARNED FROM THE BLACK MASS.
DEMONS CRAVE BLOOD!
AHA HA HA!
SLAAASH
BLOOD !!
KRISH
BLOOD !!

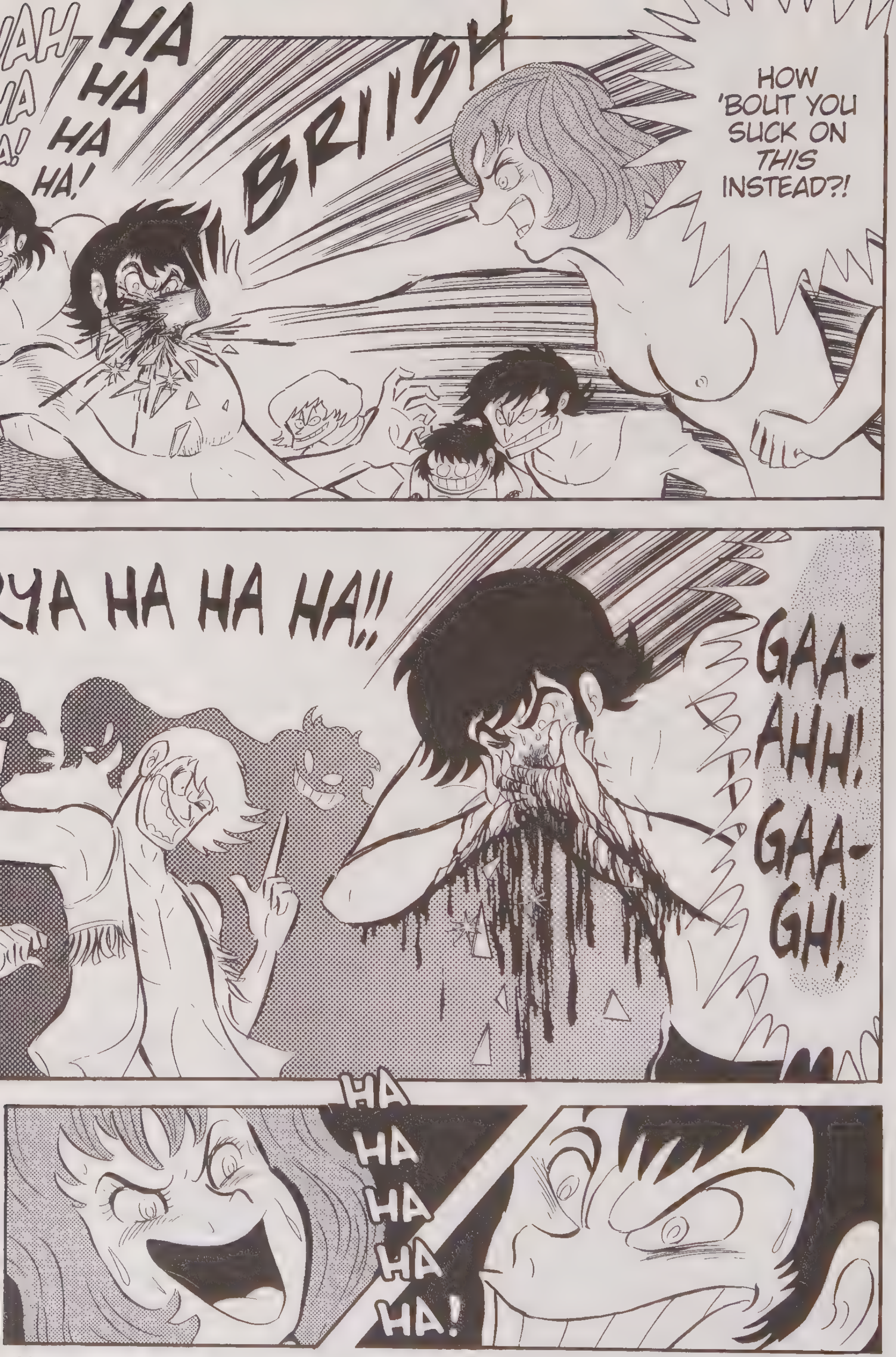

AAAAAAGH~!!
SP-SPRISH
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
AAH HA HA HA HA!
OH MY GOD!

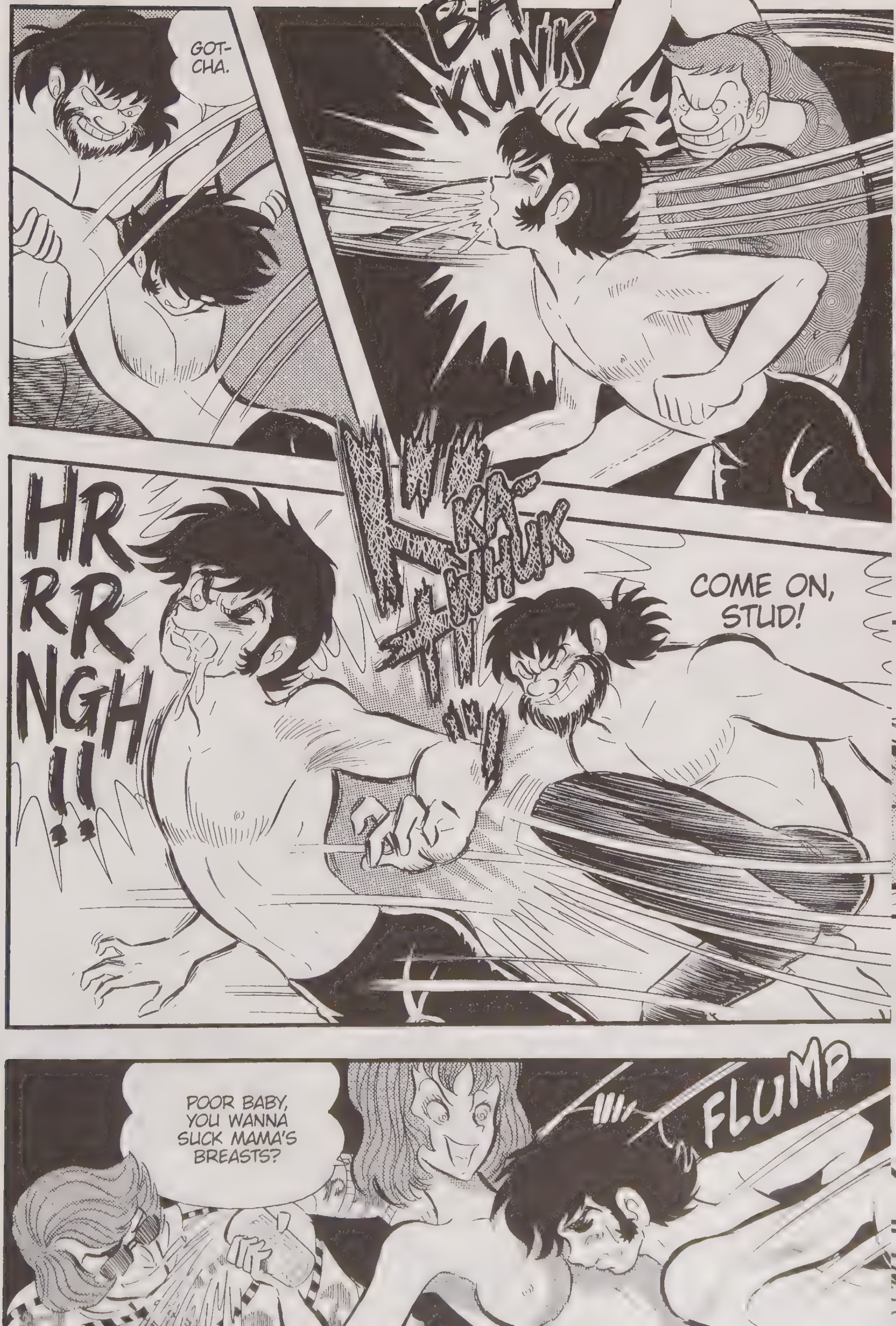

I'LL SOAK THIS CAVERN WITH AN OCEAN OF BLOOD!
LET'S SEE YOURS!!

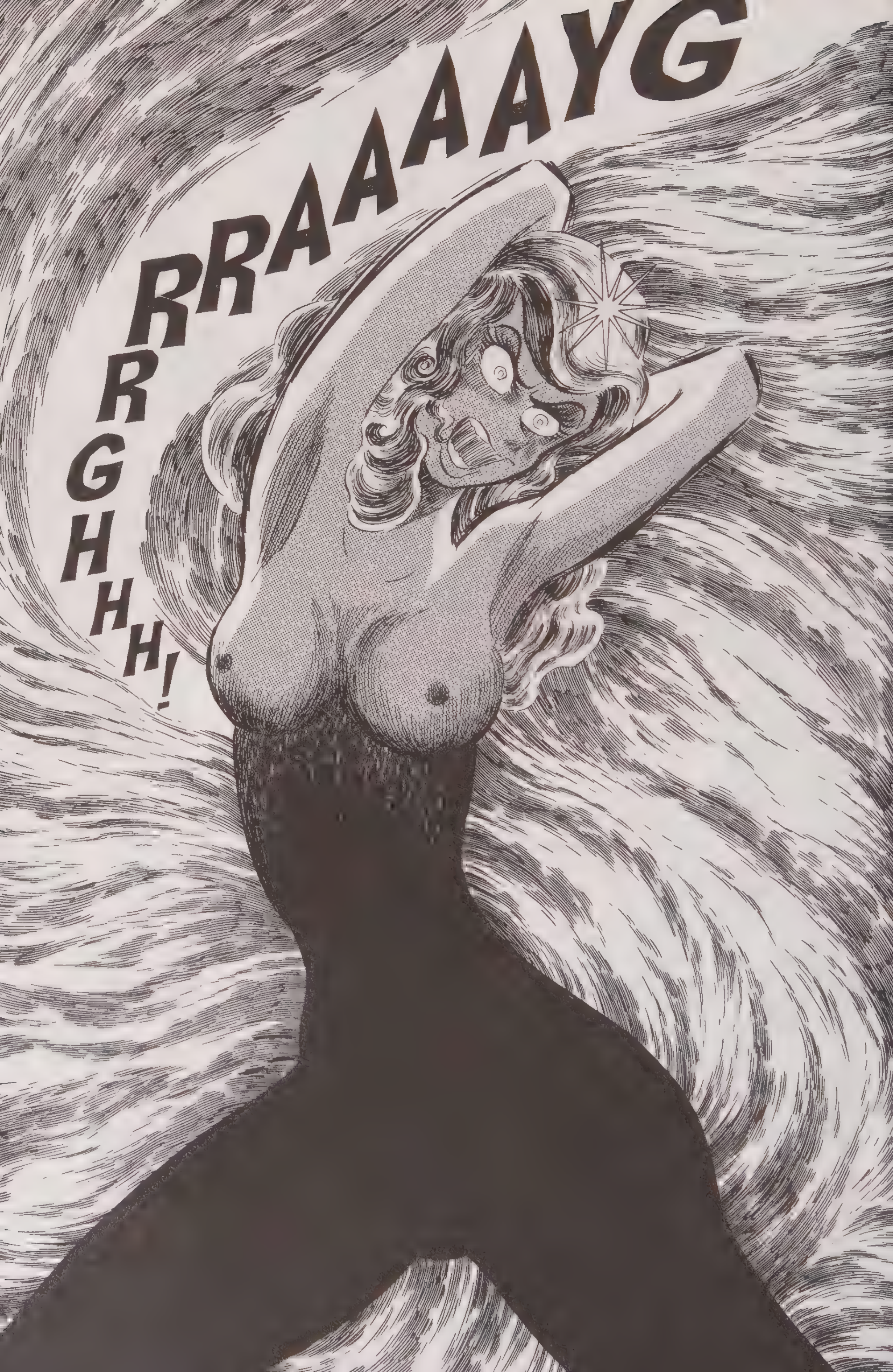

WHAT THE HELL?!
BASTARD!
HA HA HA HA!!
COME ON! I'LL KILL YOU ALL!
SLASH
GYAAH!!

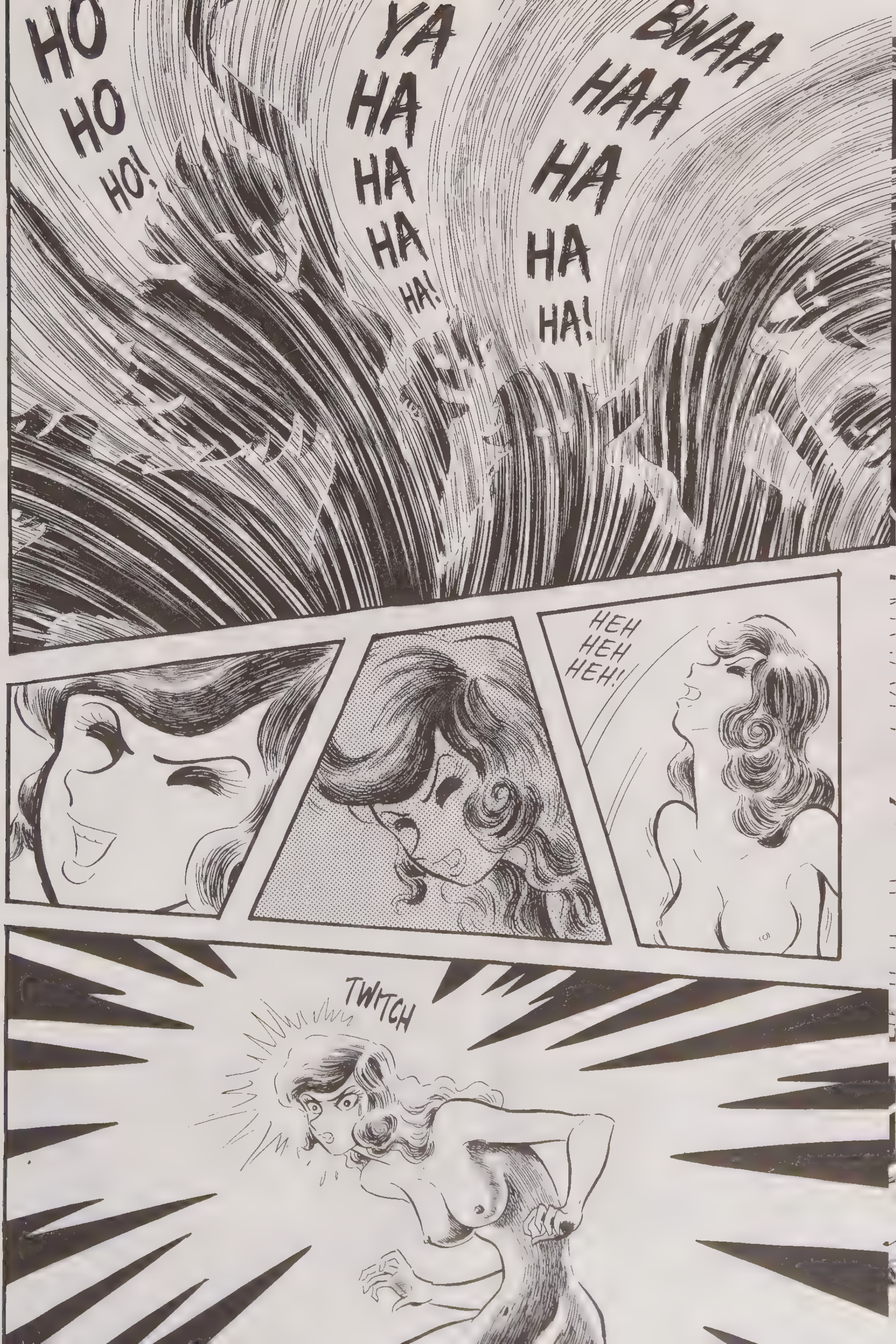

GU-KRAK
AHHH!!
NO MORE!
STOP FIGHTING!!
I HATE THE SIGHT OF BLOOD!!
STOP !!
STOP, YOU IDIOTS !!
YANK
SHADDUP, YA WIMP. IT WAS YOUR PAL WHO STARTED THIS.

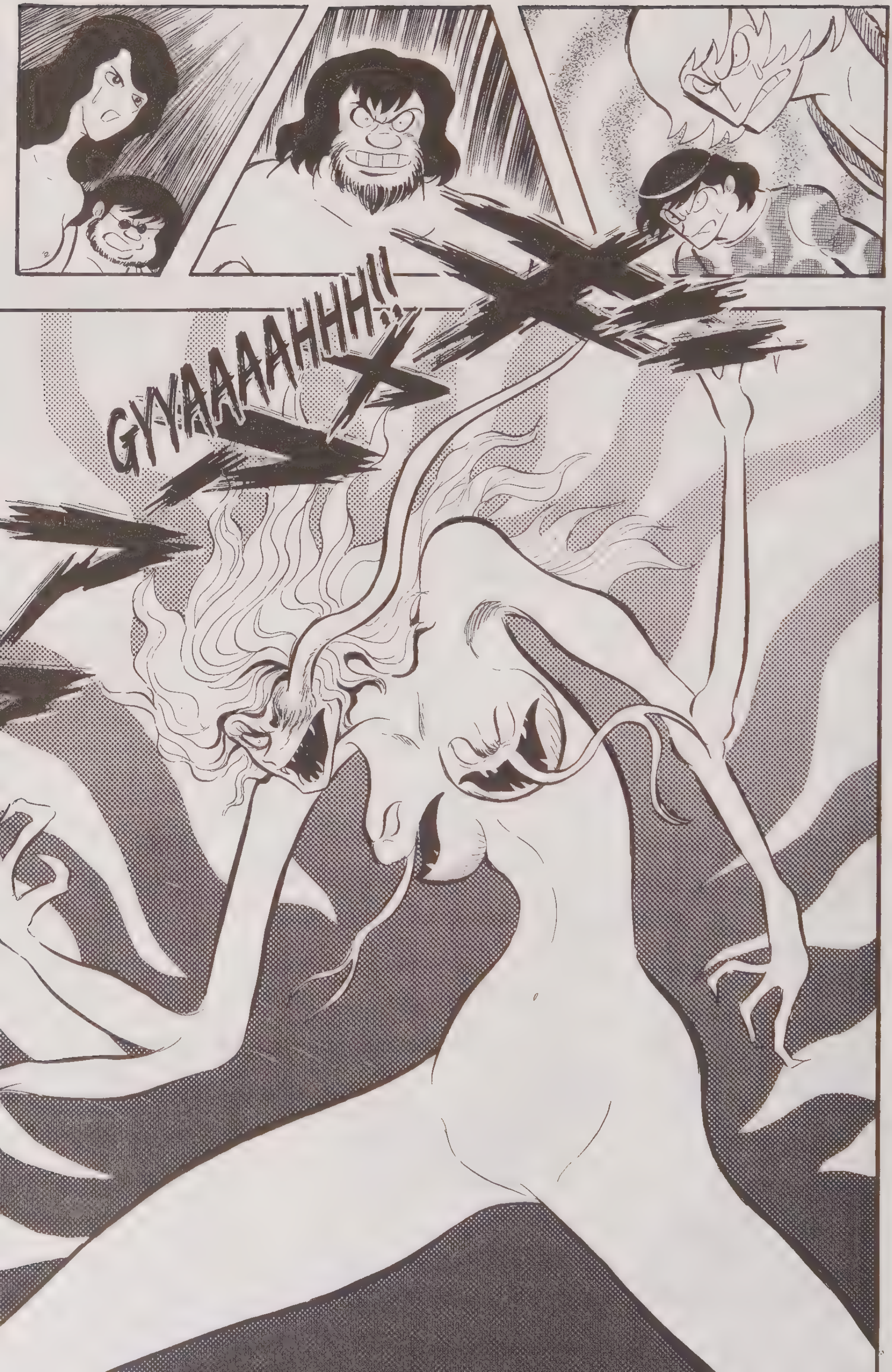

HA HA HA!!
AAAAUGH?!
ZUMPF
I'LL KILL YOU!!
GURCK!
ZHUK

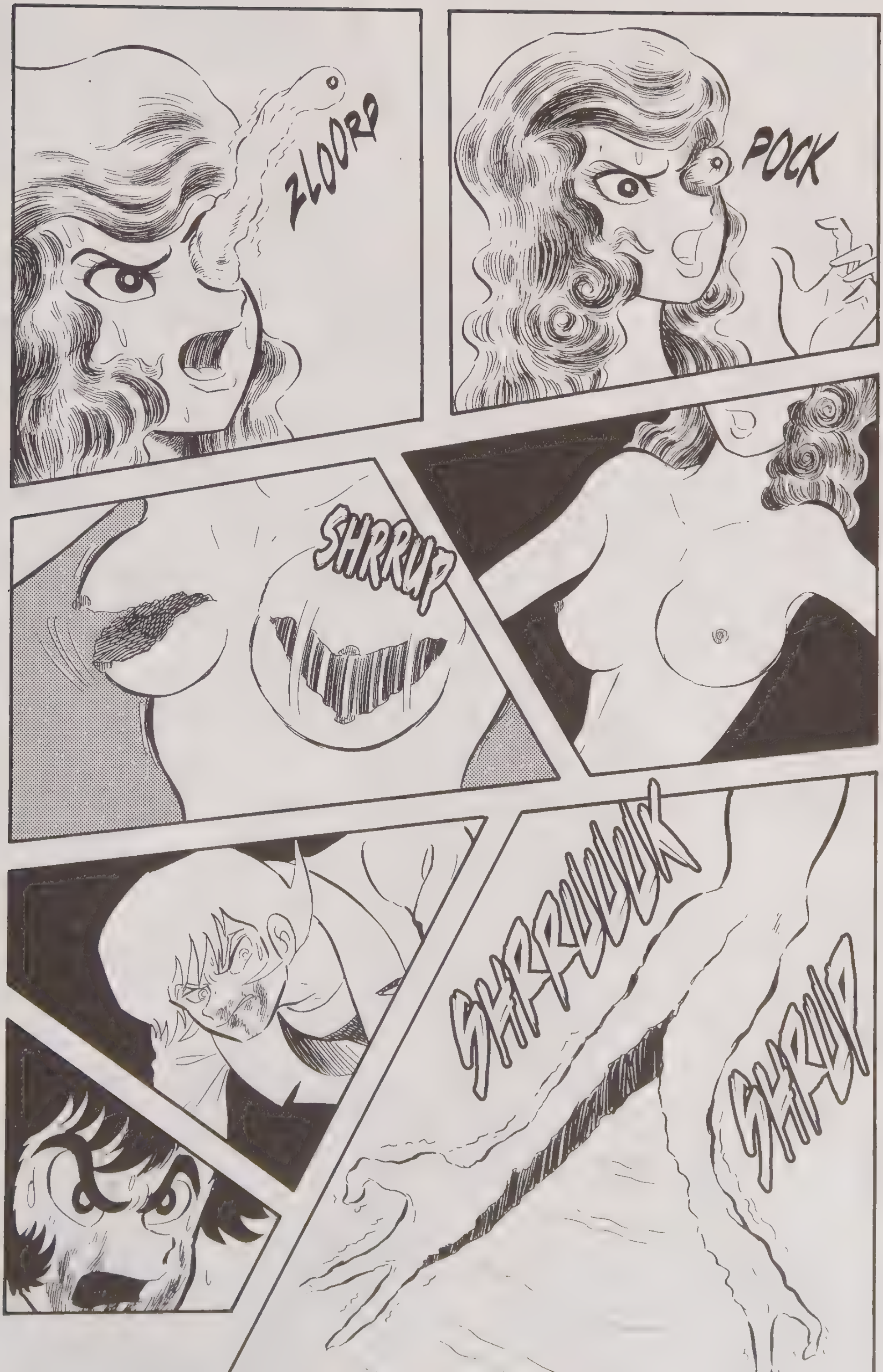

HOW 'BOUT YOU SUCK ON THIS INSTEAD?!
BRIISH
HA HA HA HA!
AH A A A!
GAA-AHH! GAA-GH!
RYA HA HA HA!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!

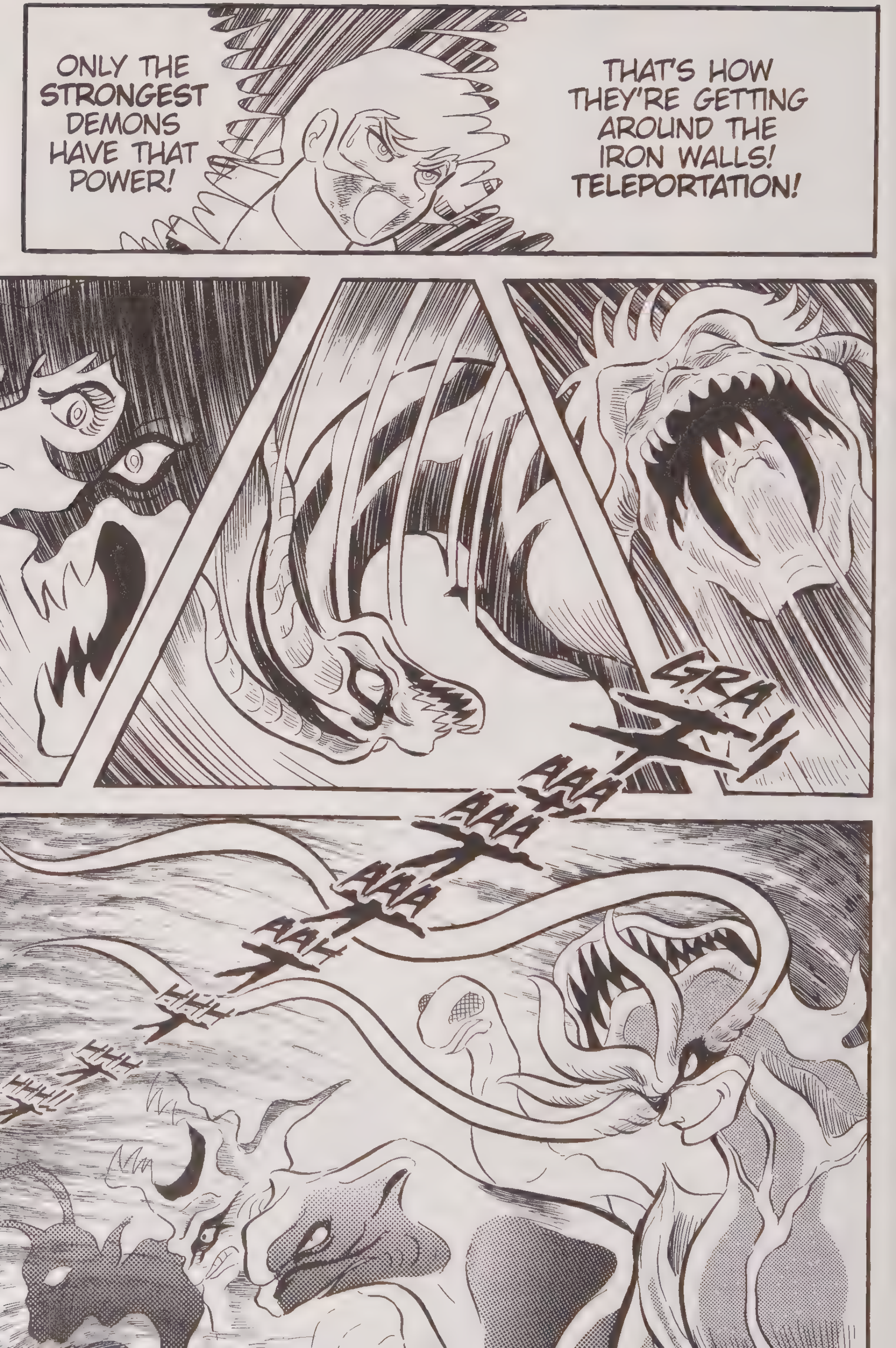

BA-KUNK
GOT-CHA.
COME ON, STUD!
KA-WHUK
HRRRRNGH!!
FLUMP
POOR BABY, YOU WANNA SUCK MAMA'S BREASTS?

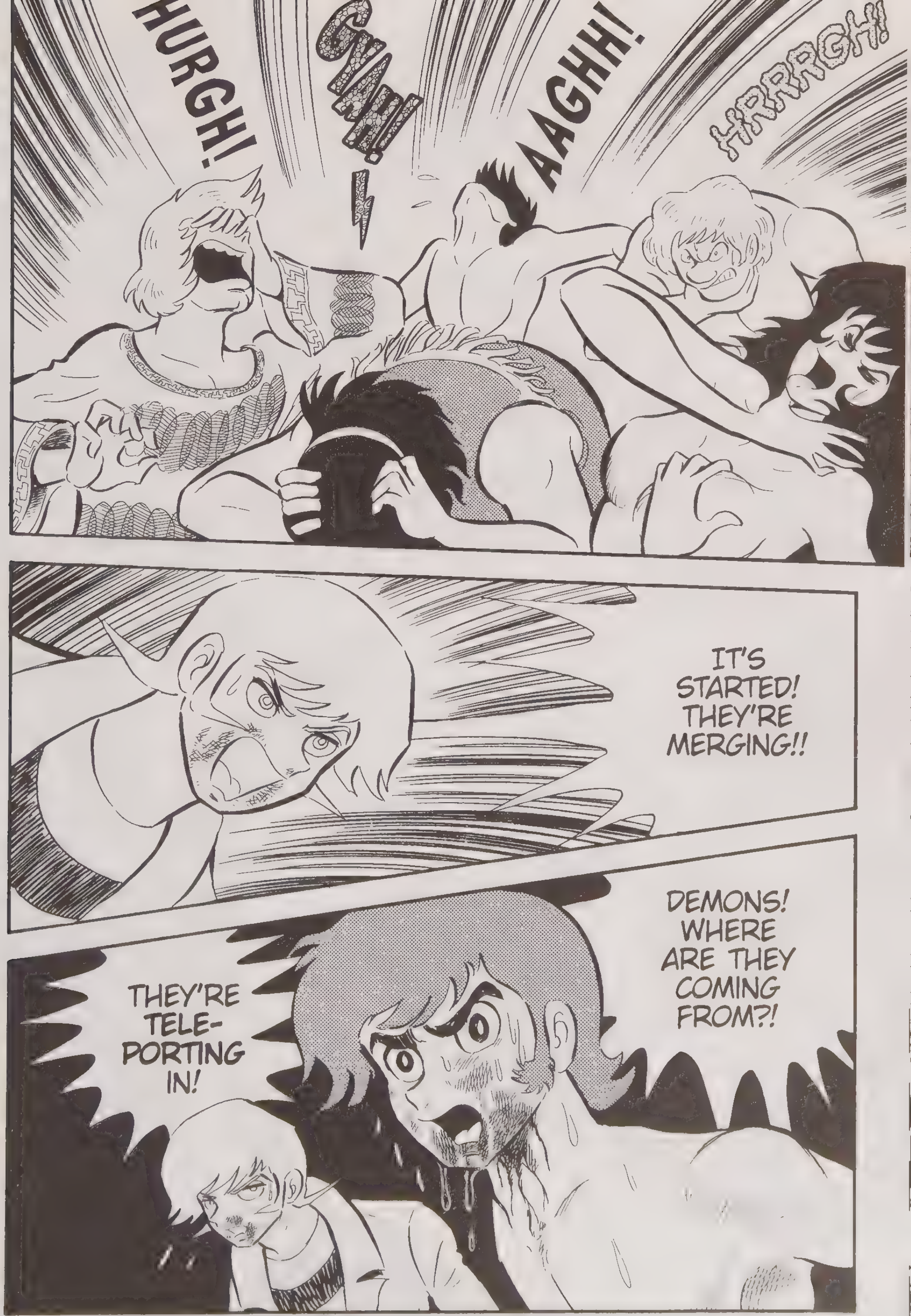

RRAAAAYG
RRGHHH!

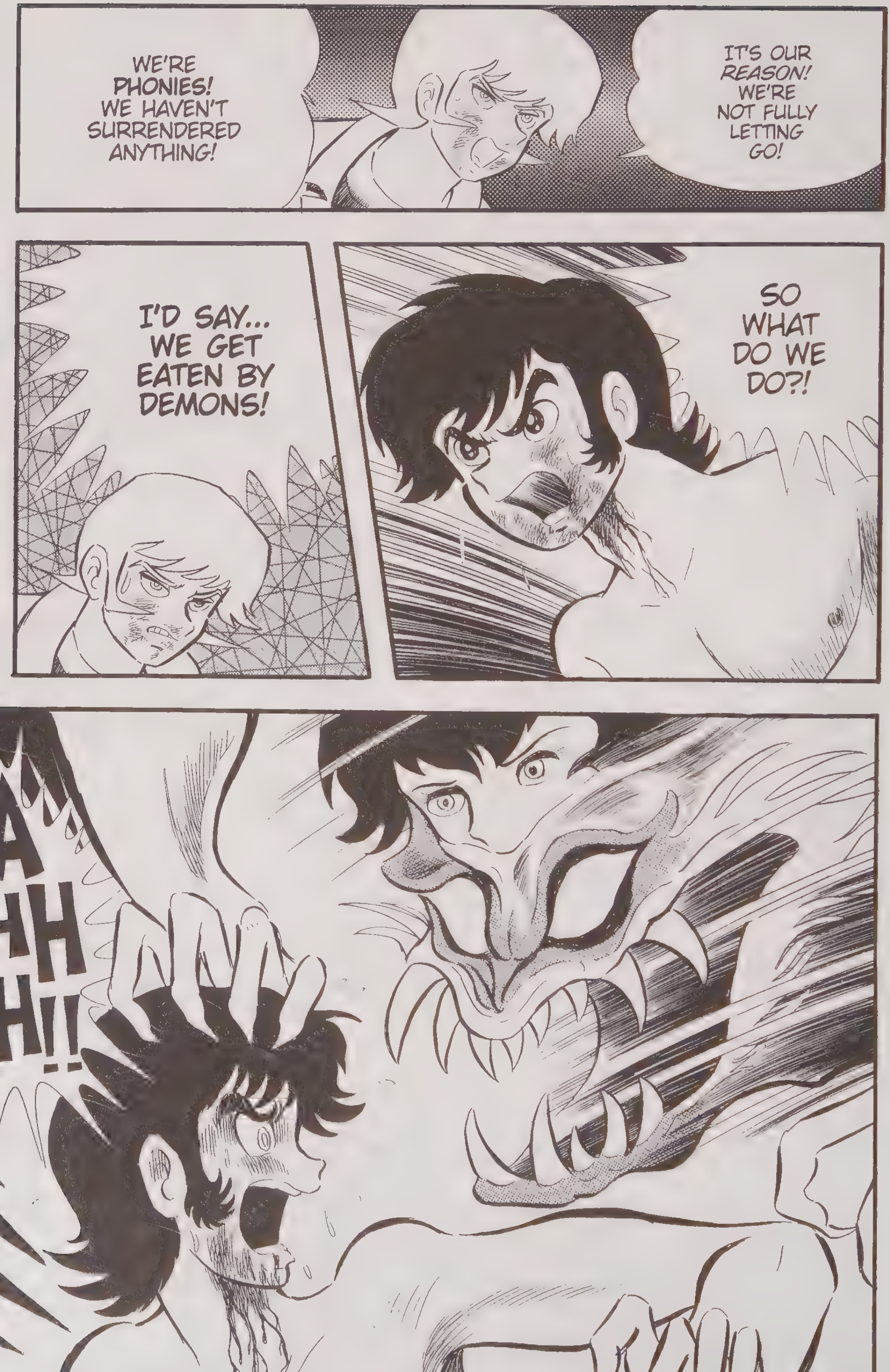

BWAA HAA HAA HA HA HA!
YA HA HA HA HA HA!
HO HO HO!
HEH HEH HEH!
TWITCH

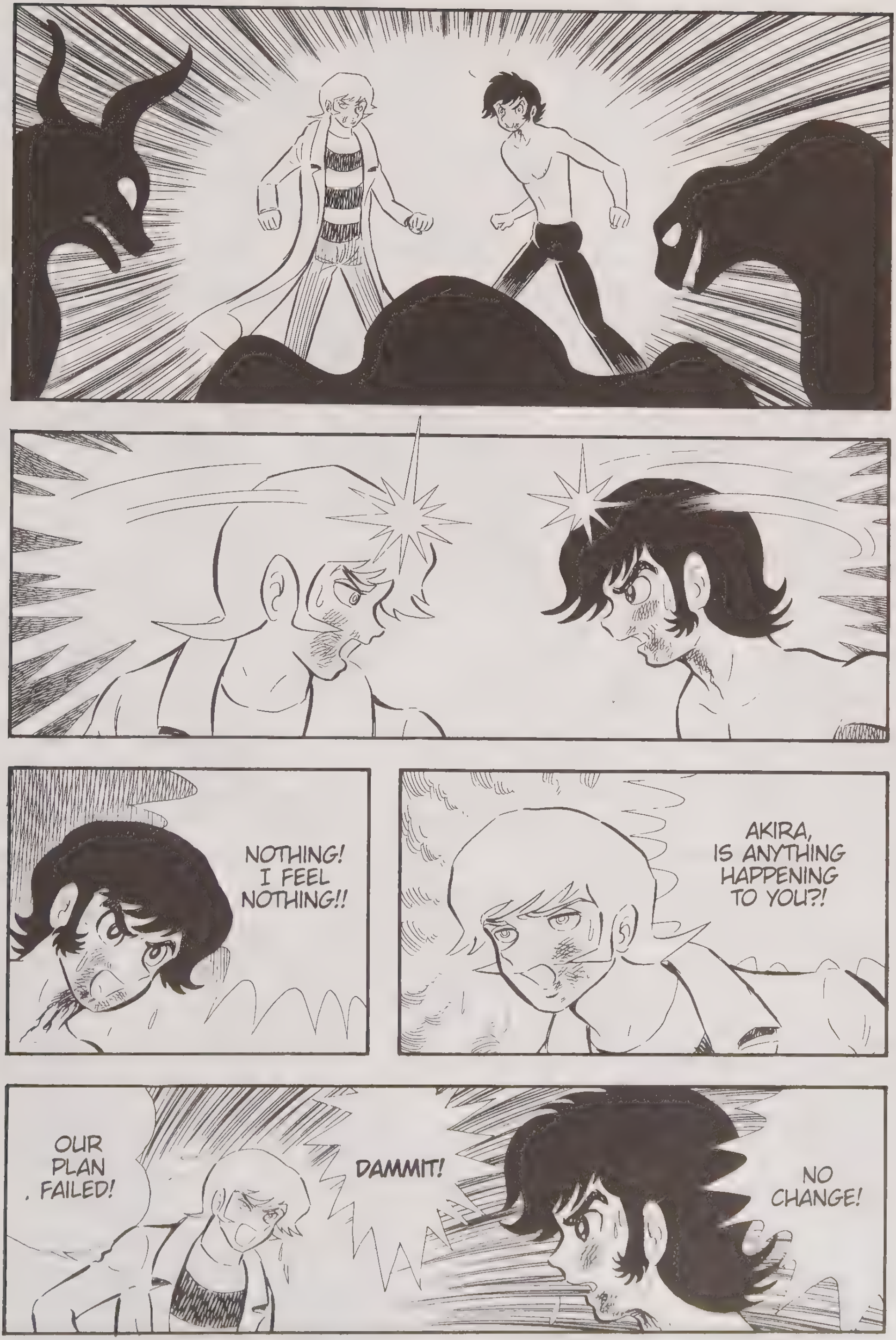

GYYAAAAHHH!!

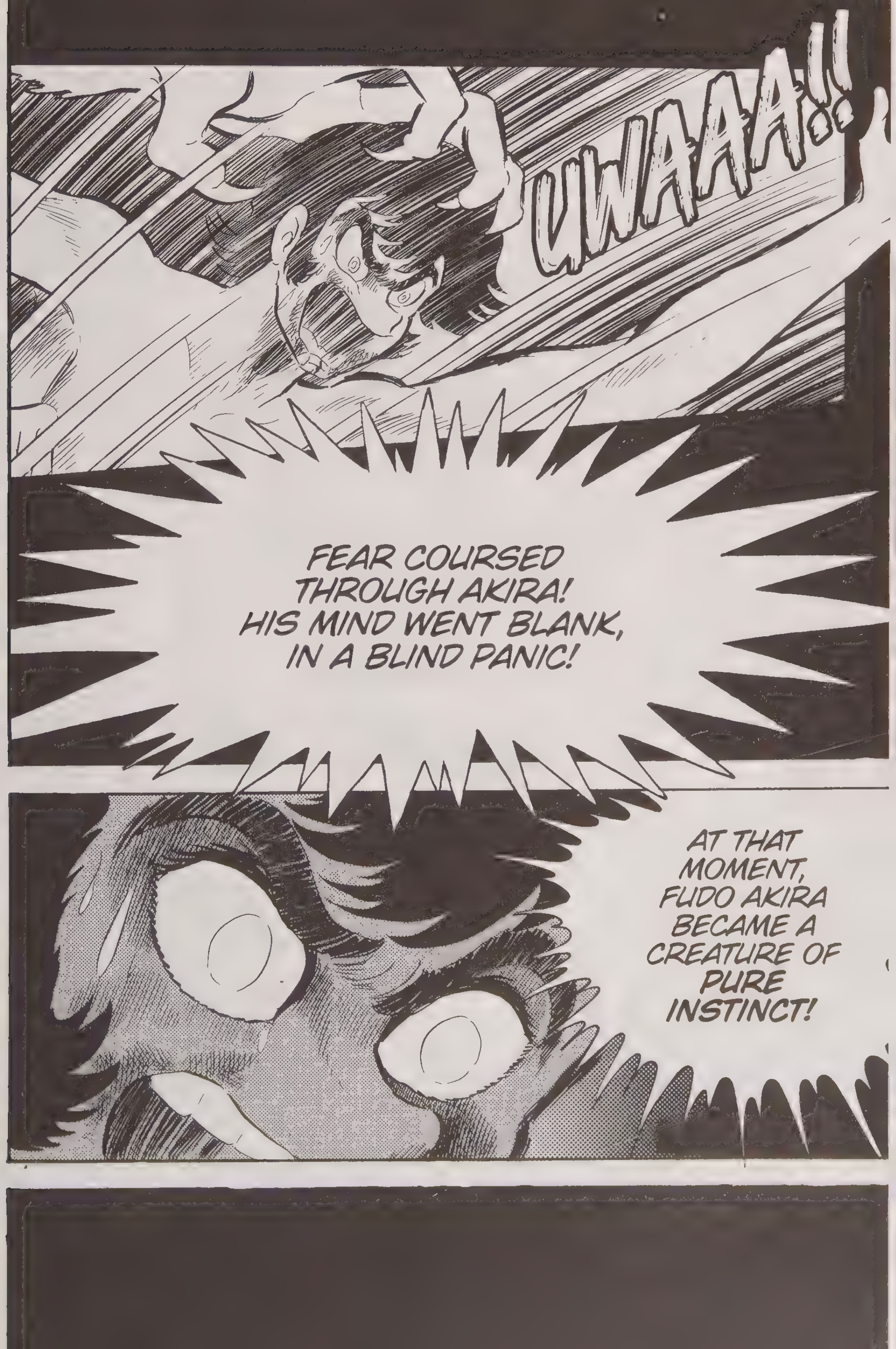

ZLOORP
POCK
SHRRUP
SHRRUUUUK
SHRUP

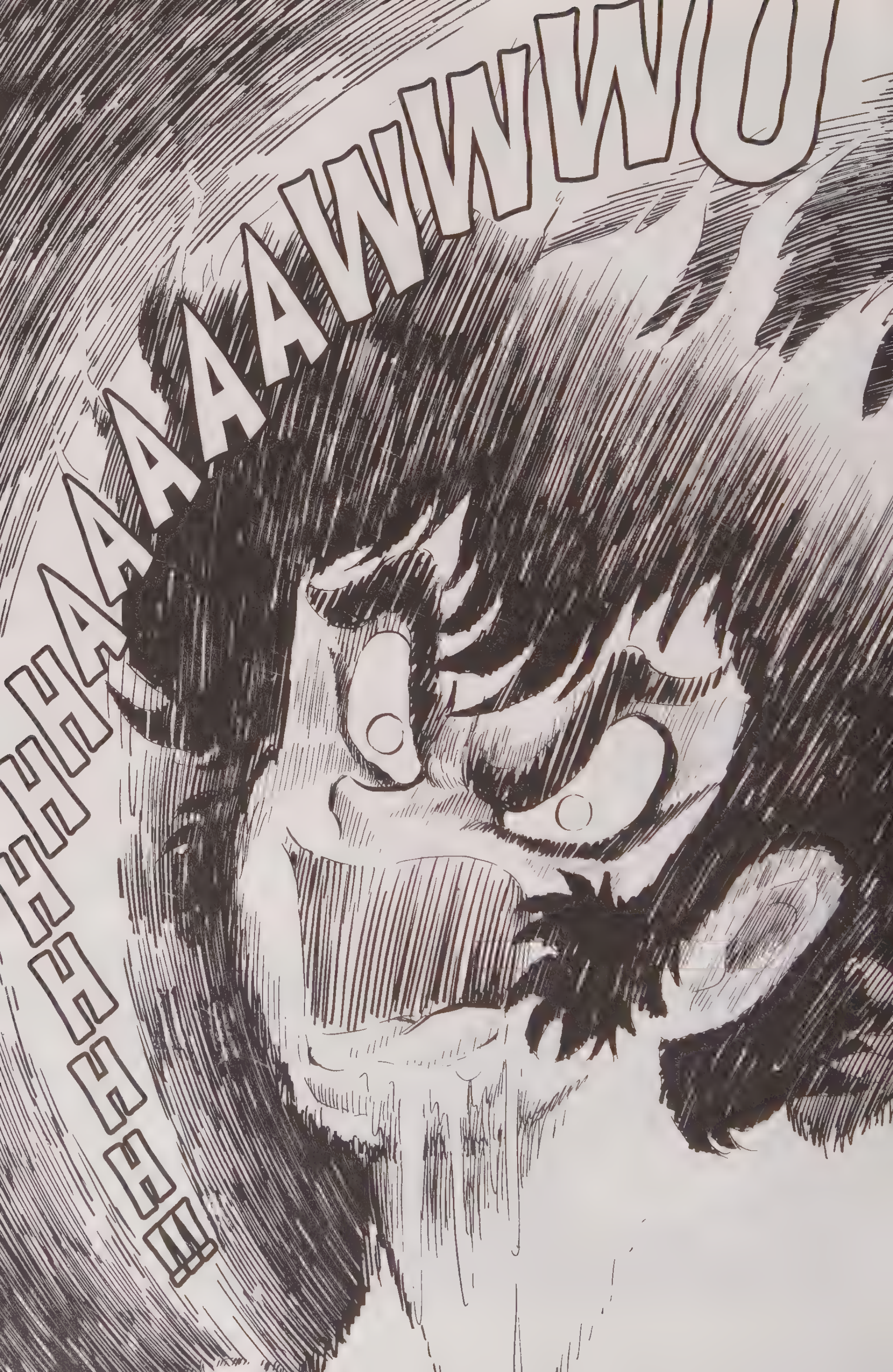

THAT'S HOW THEY'RE GETTING AROUND THE IRON WALLS! TELEPORTATION!
ONLY THE STRONGEST DEMONS HAVE THAT POWER!
GRA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAH
HHH
HHH
HHH!!

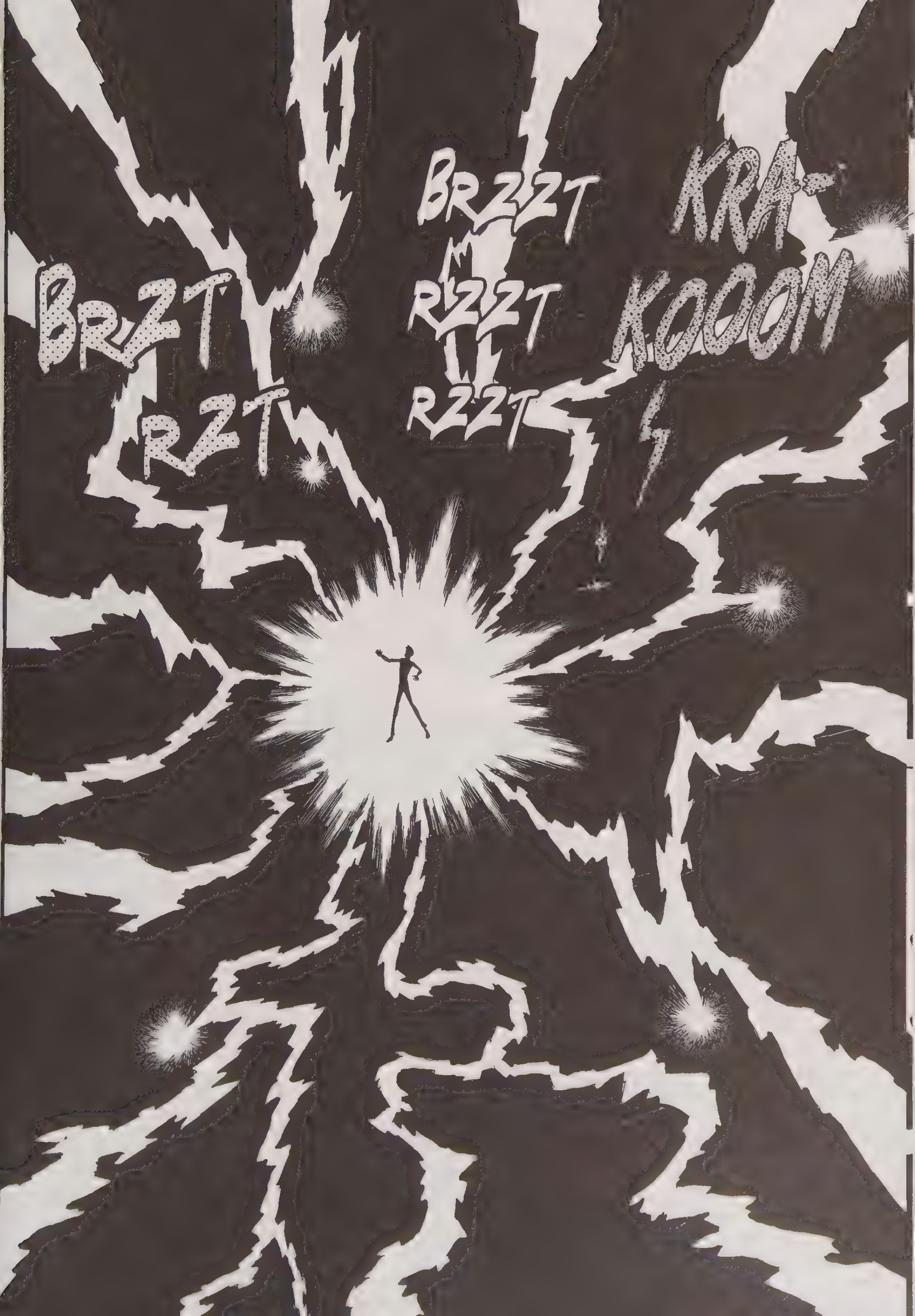

HRRRGH!
AAGHH!
GYAH!
HURGH!
IT'S STARTED! THEY'RE MERGING!!
DEMONS! WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM?!
THEY'RE TELEPORTING IN!

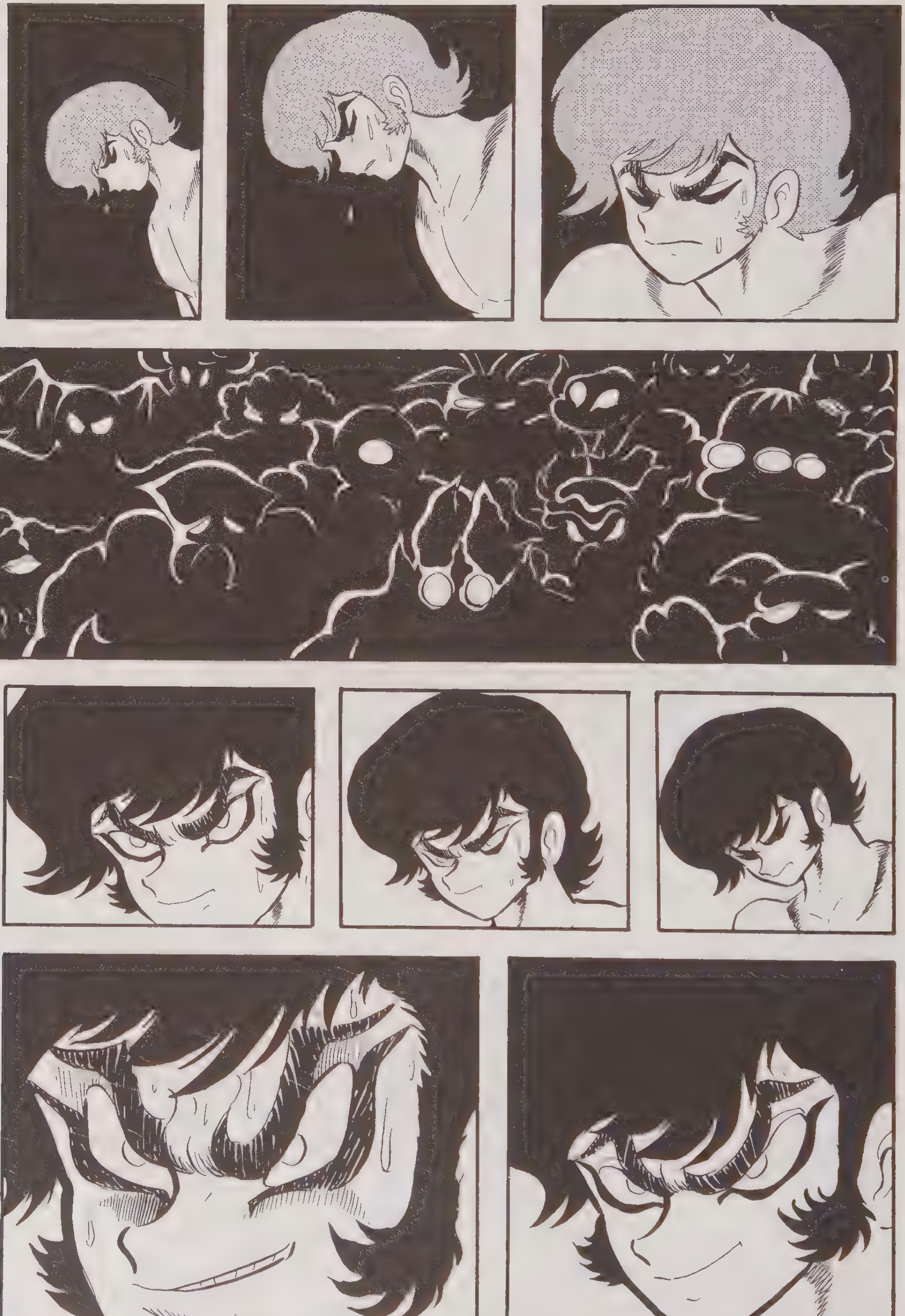

IT'S OUR REASON! WE'RE NOT FULLY LETTING GO!
WE'RE PHONIES! WE HAVEN'T SURRENDERED ANYTHING!
SO WHAT DO WE DO?!
I'D SAY... WE GET EATEN BY DEMONS!
AHHH!!

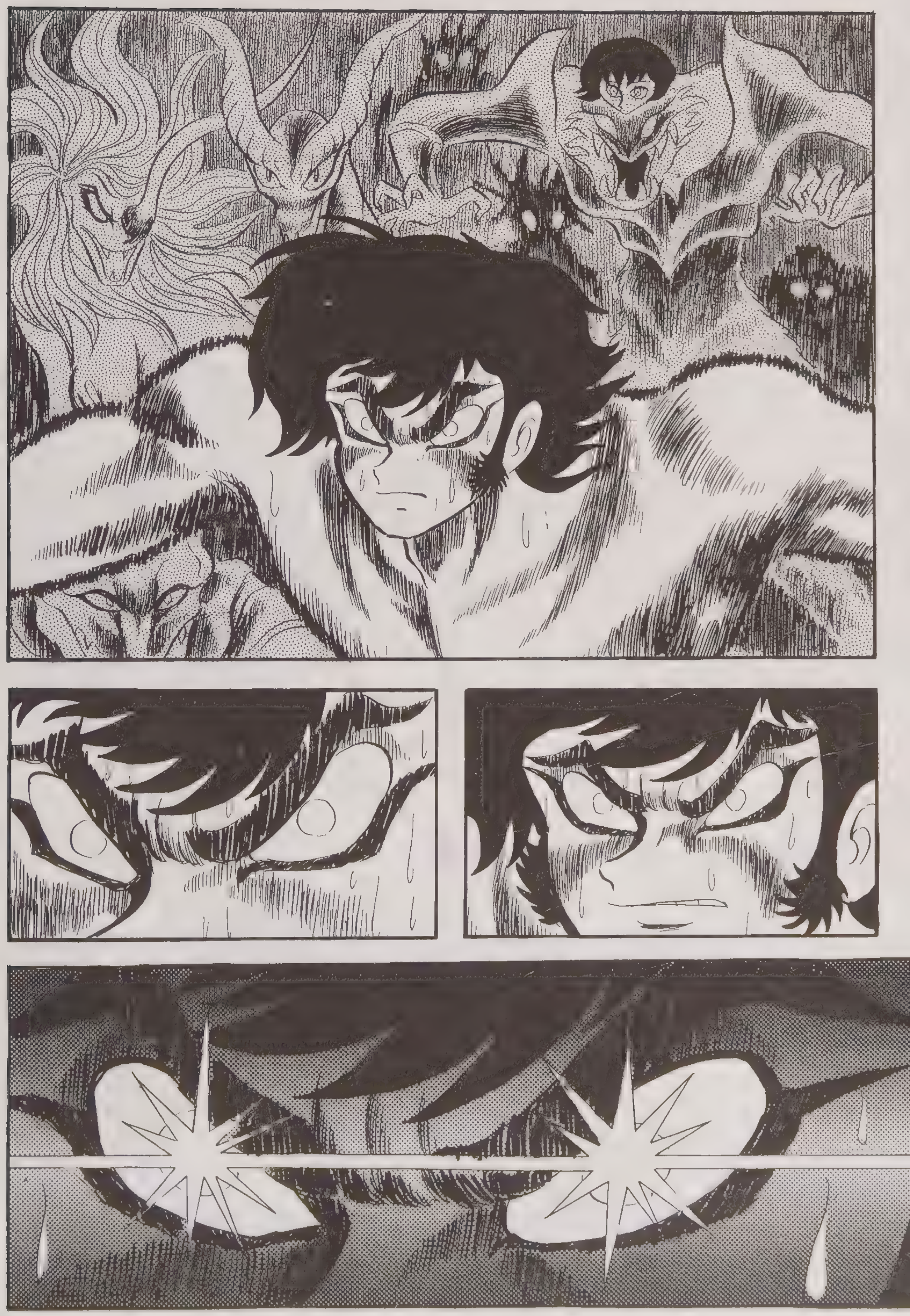

AKIRA, IS ANYTHING HAPPENING TO YOU?!
NOTHING! I FEEL NOTHING!!
NO CHANGE!
DAMMIT!
OUR PLAN FAILED!

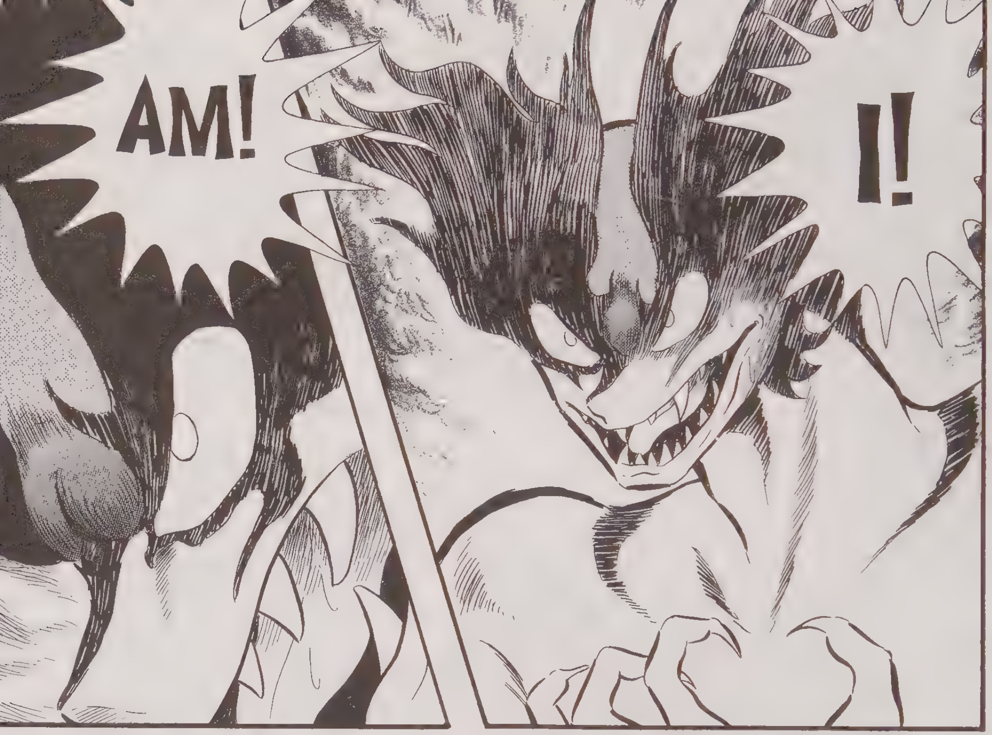

UWAAA!!
FEAR COURSED THROUGH AKIRA! HIS MIND WENT BLANK, IN A BLIND PANIC!
AT THAT MOMENT, FUDO AKIRA BECAME A CREATURE OF PURE INSTINCT!

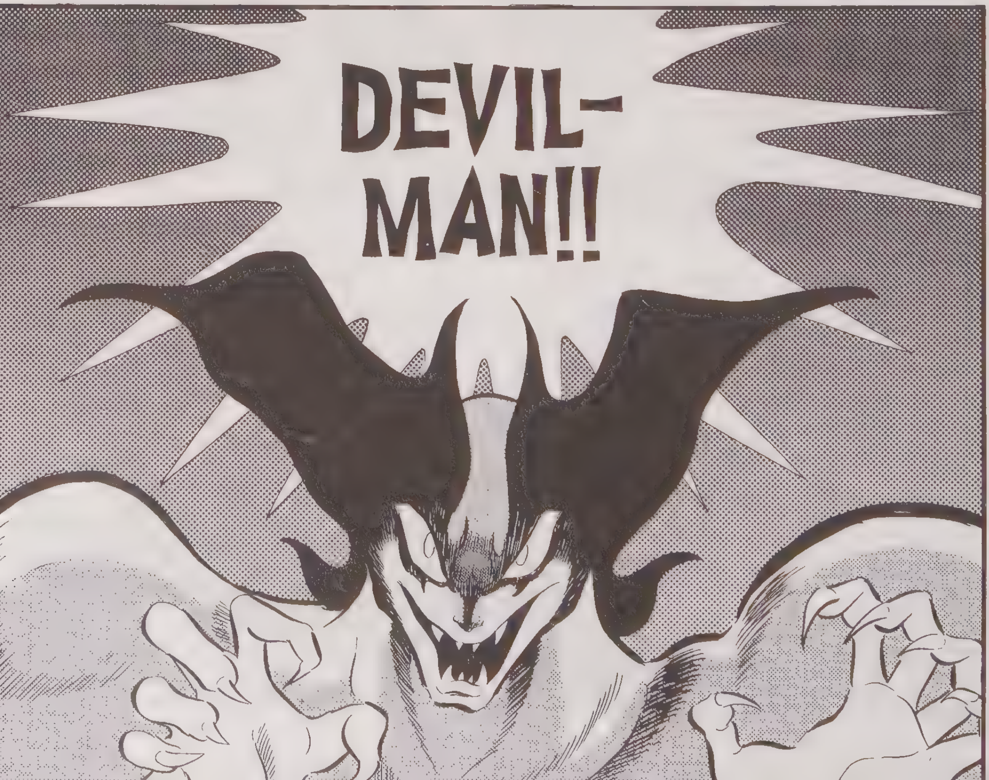

UWWWAAAAAHHHHHHH!!

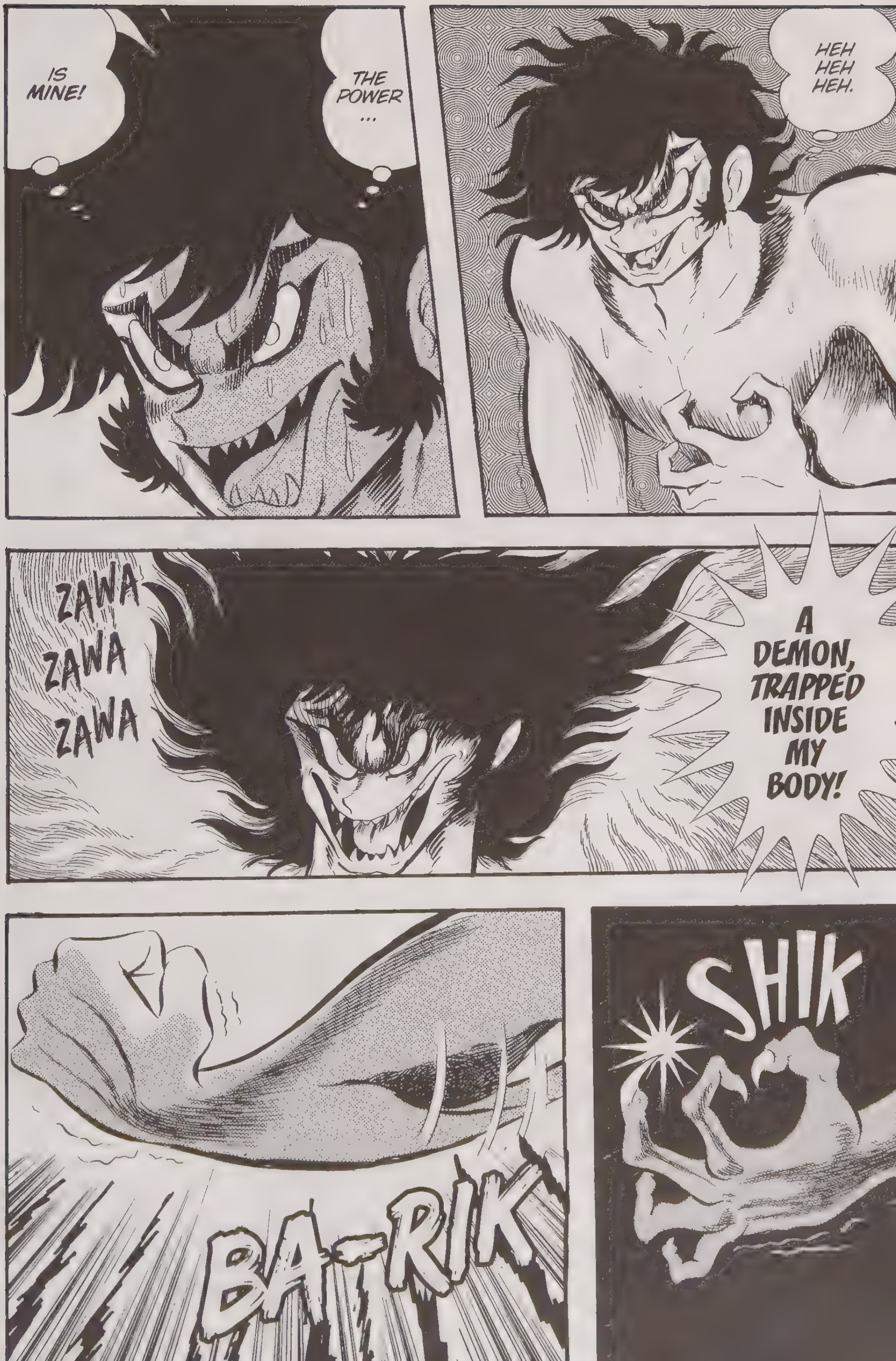

BRZT
RZT
BRZZT
RZZT
RZZT
KRA-KOOOM

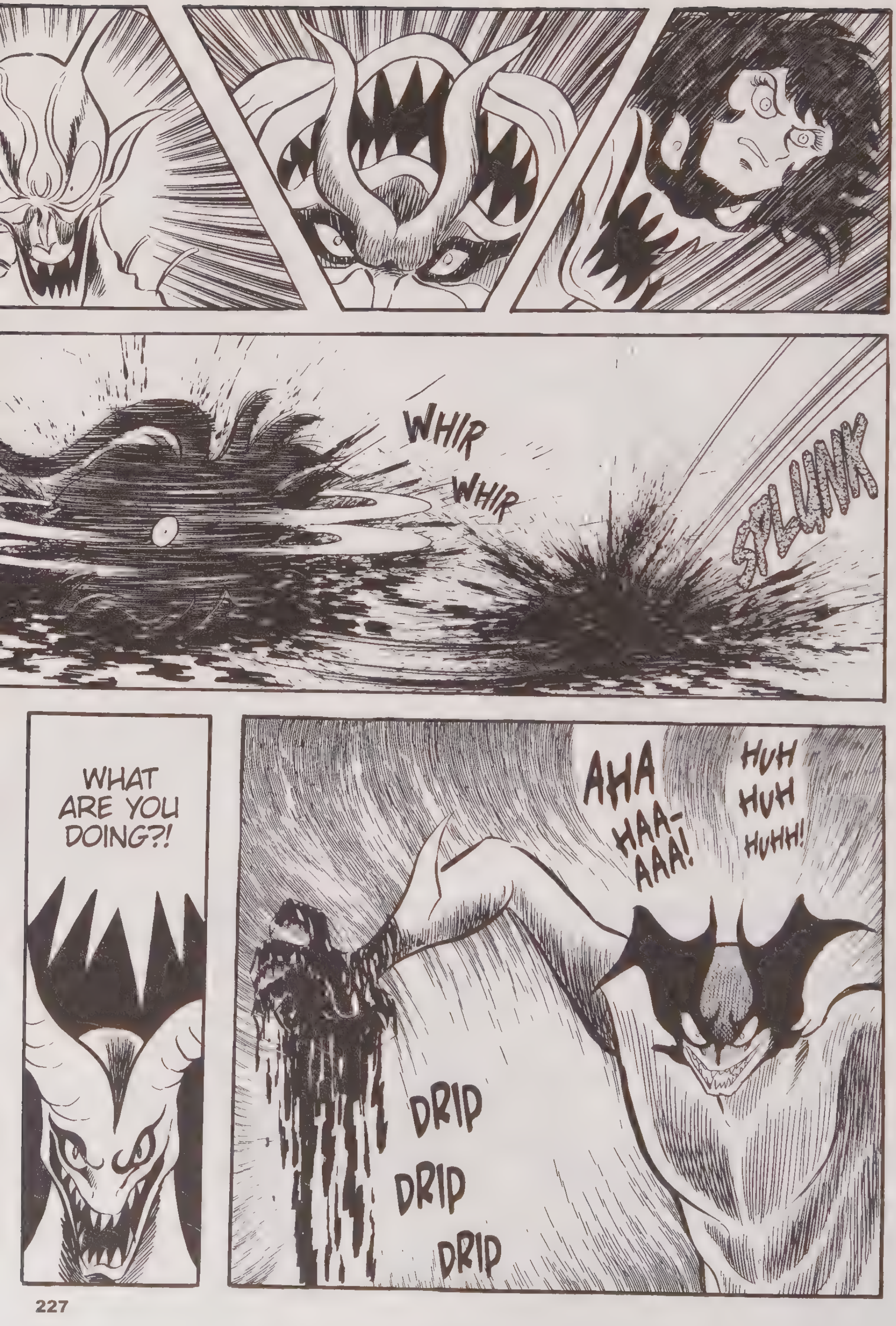


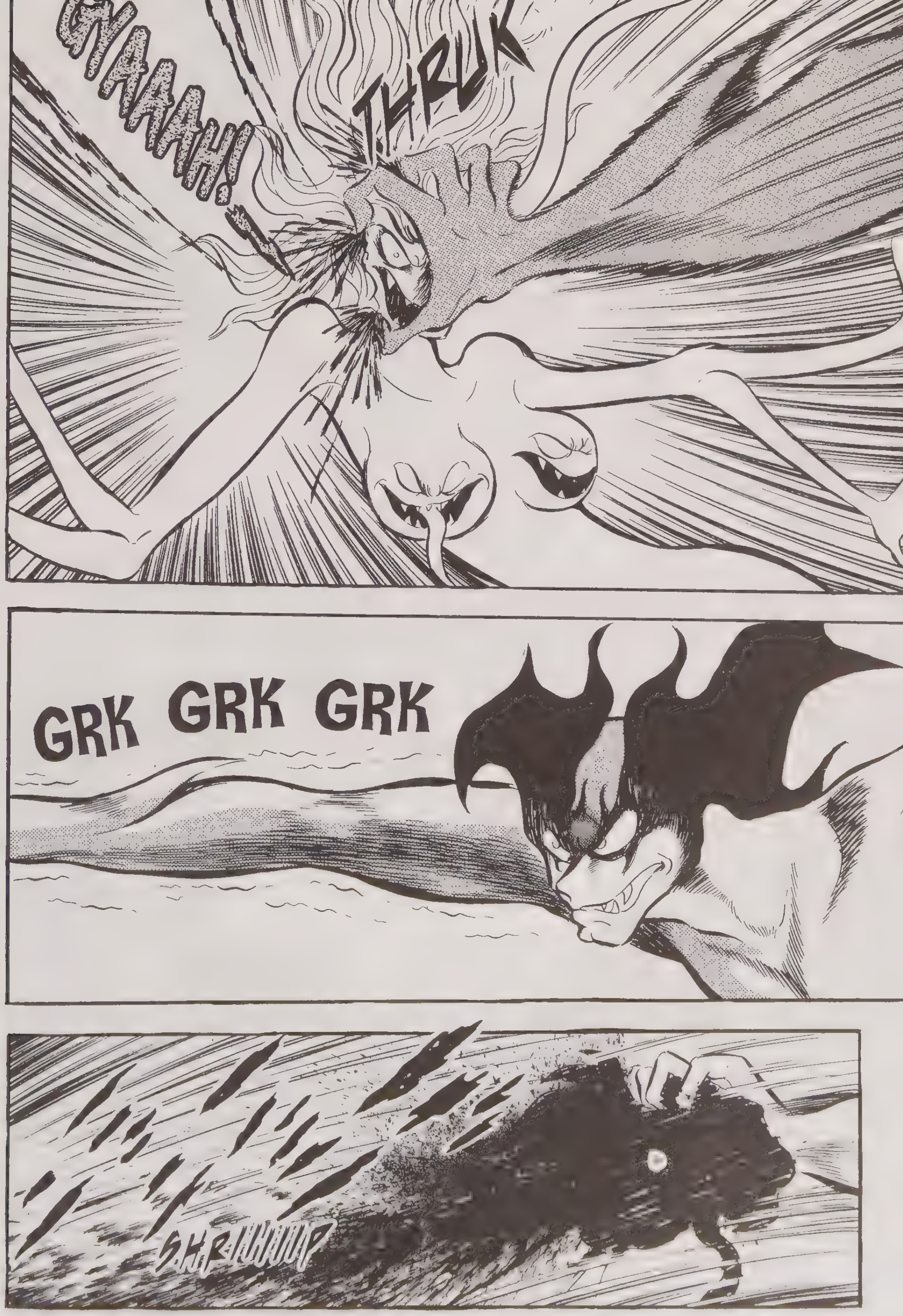


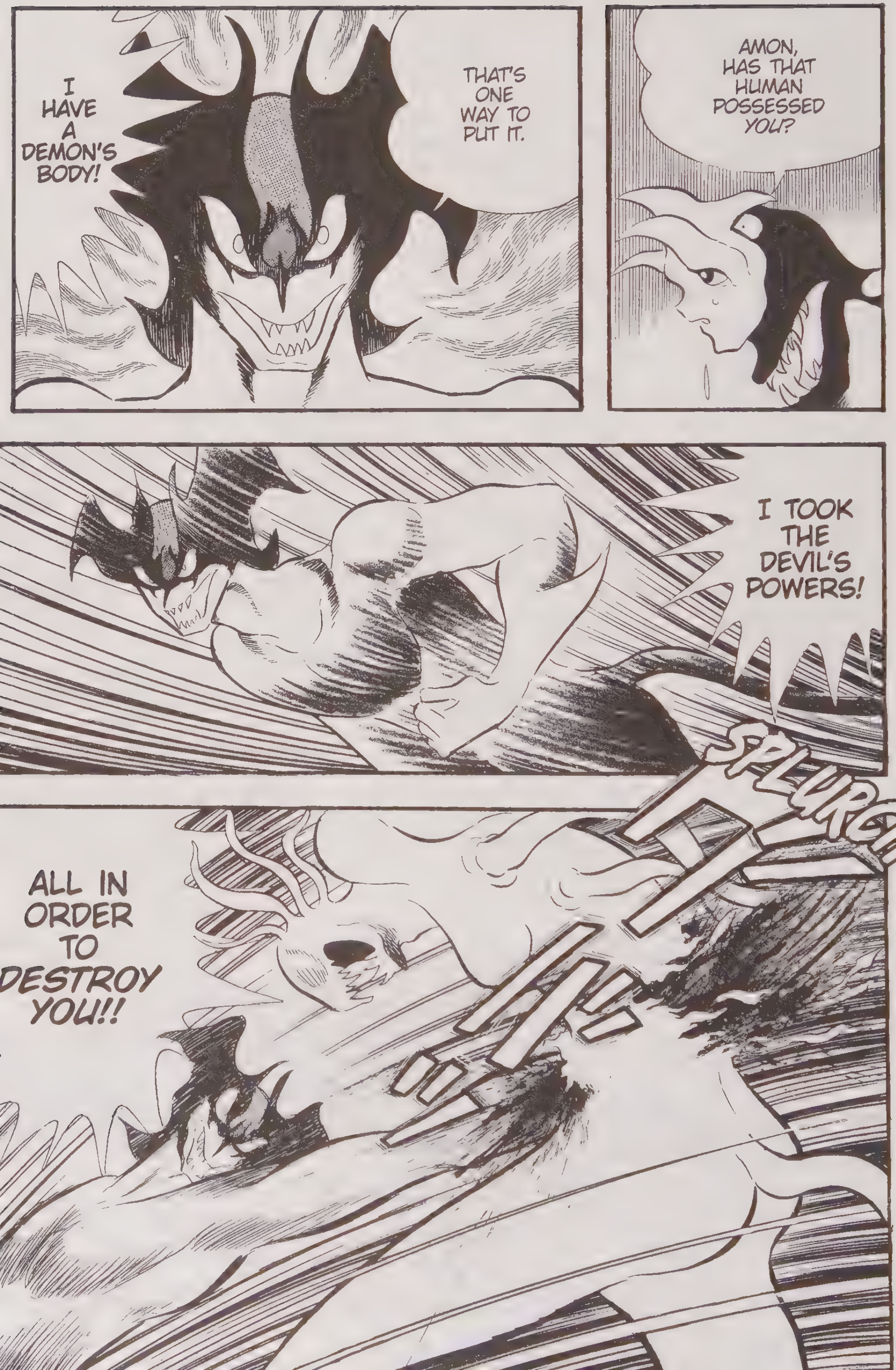

I!
AM!

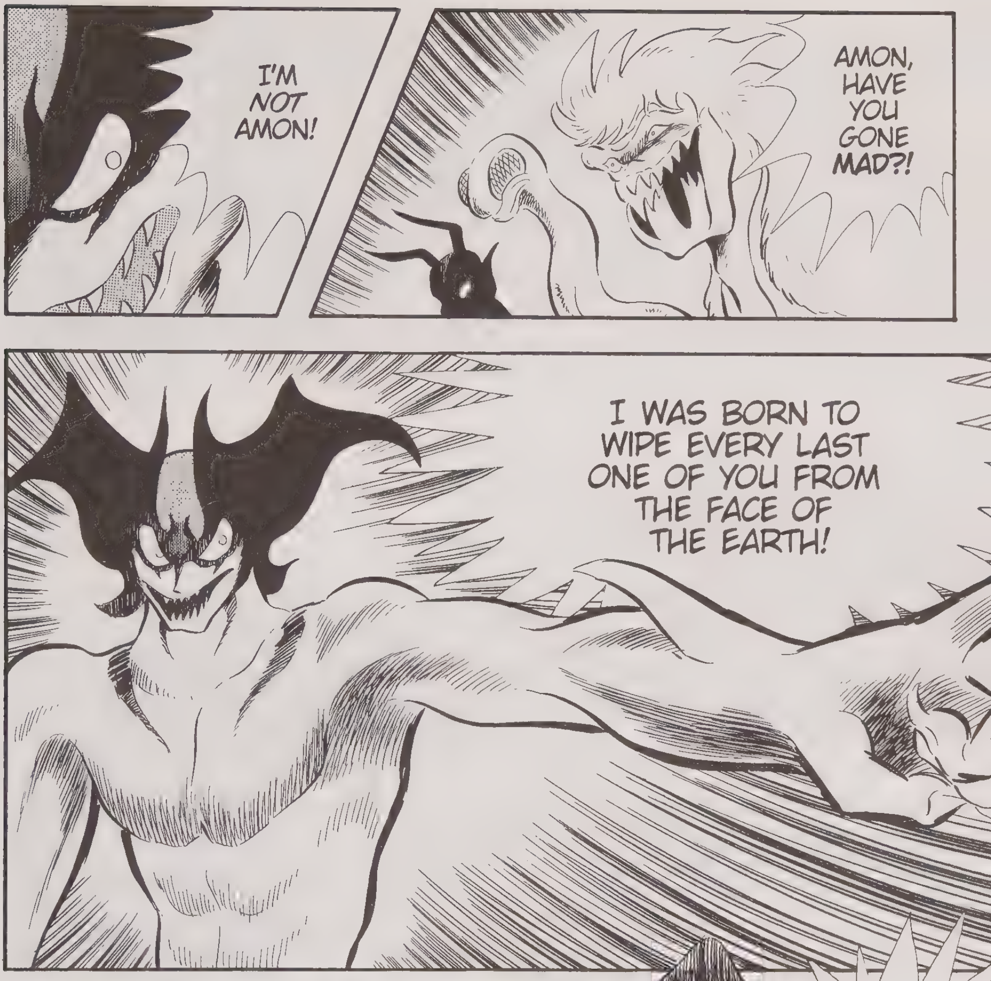

DEVIL-MAN!!

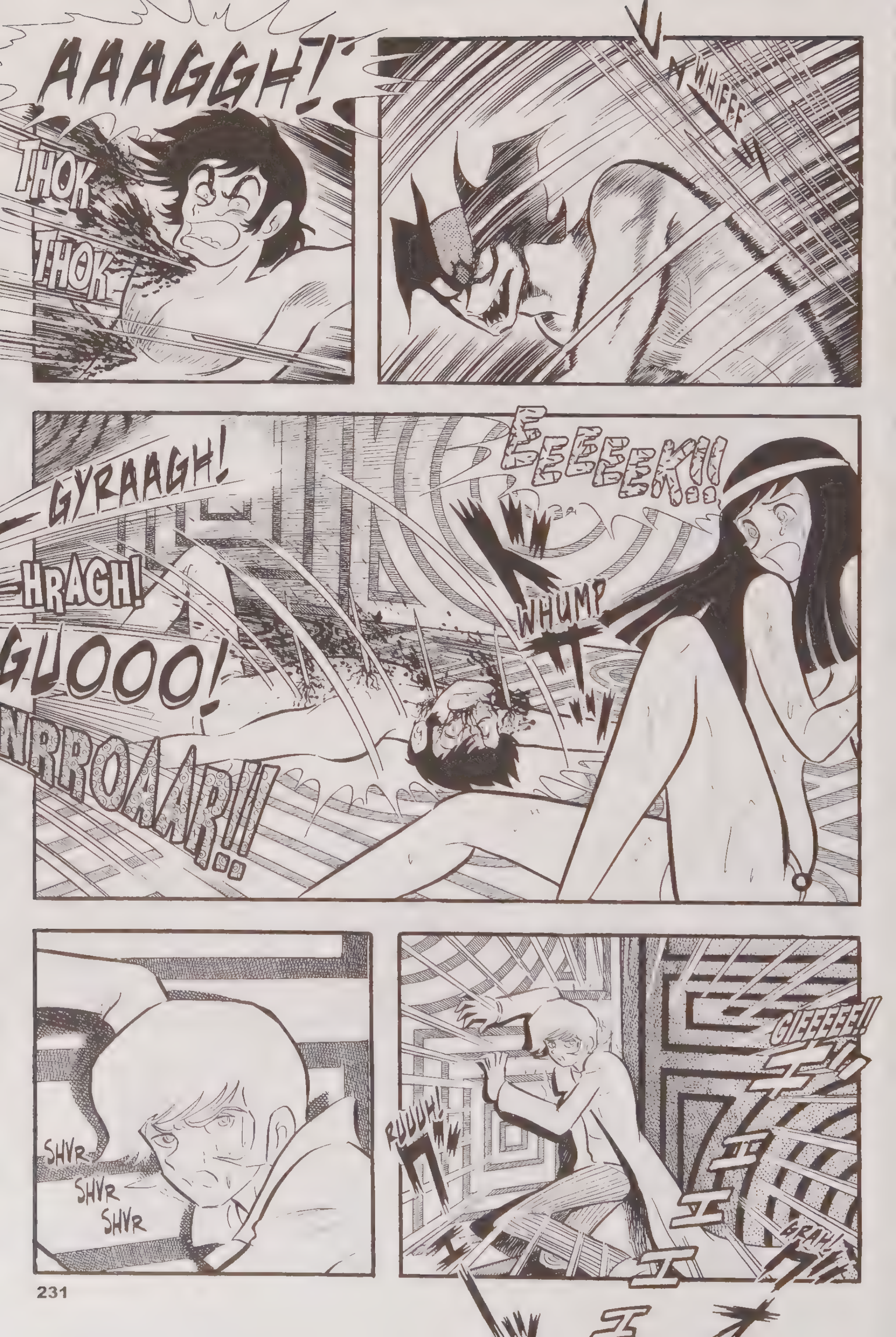

HEH HEH HEH.
THE POWER ...
IS MINE!
A DEMON, TRAPPED INSIDE MY BODY!
ZAWA ZAWA ZAWA
SHIK
BA-RIK

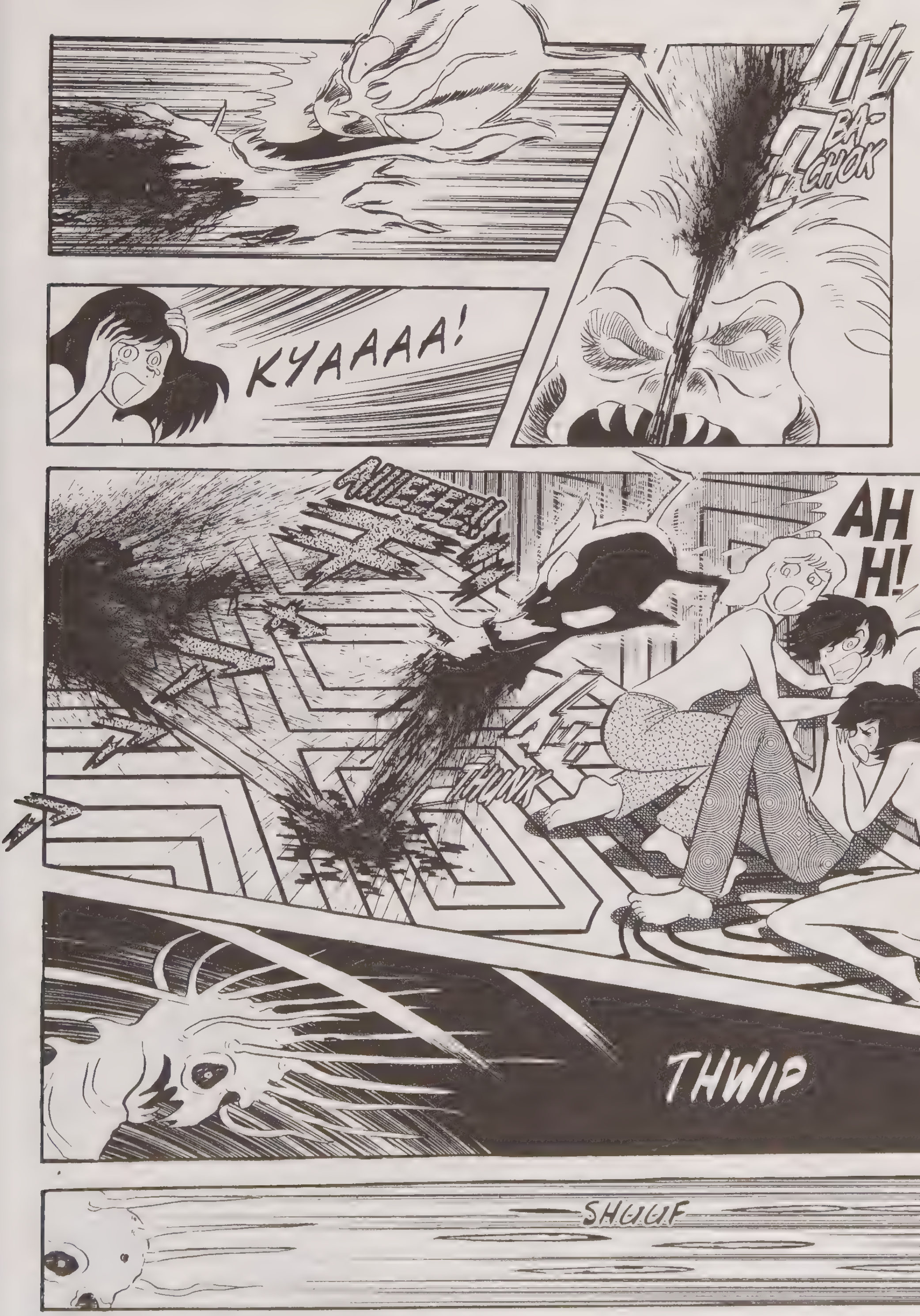

WHIR
WHIR
SPLUNK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AHA HAA-AAA!
HUH HUH HUHH!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

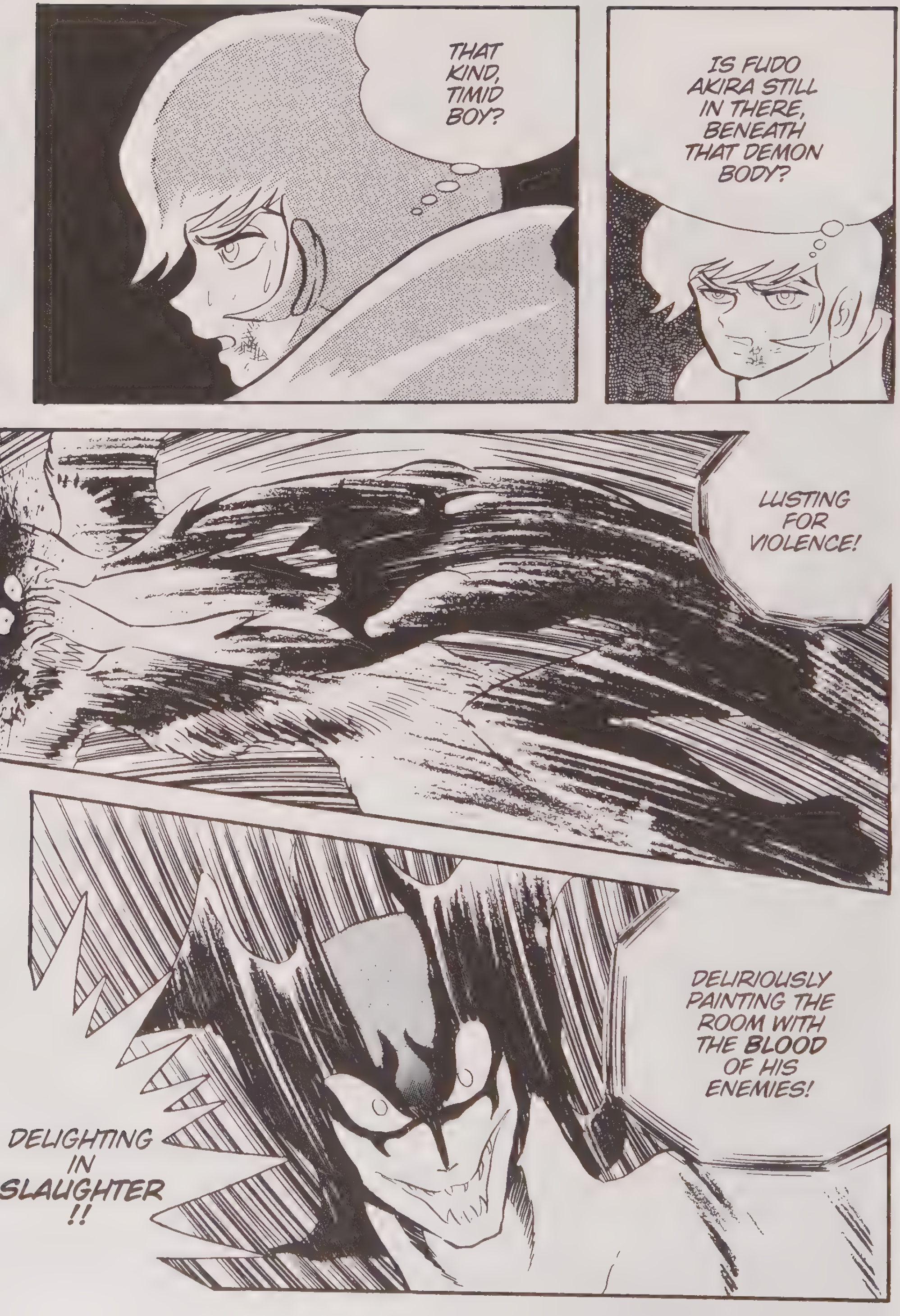

GYAAAH!
THRUK
GRK GRK GRK
SHRIUUUP

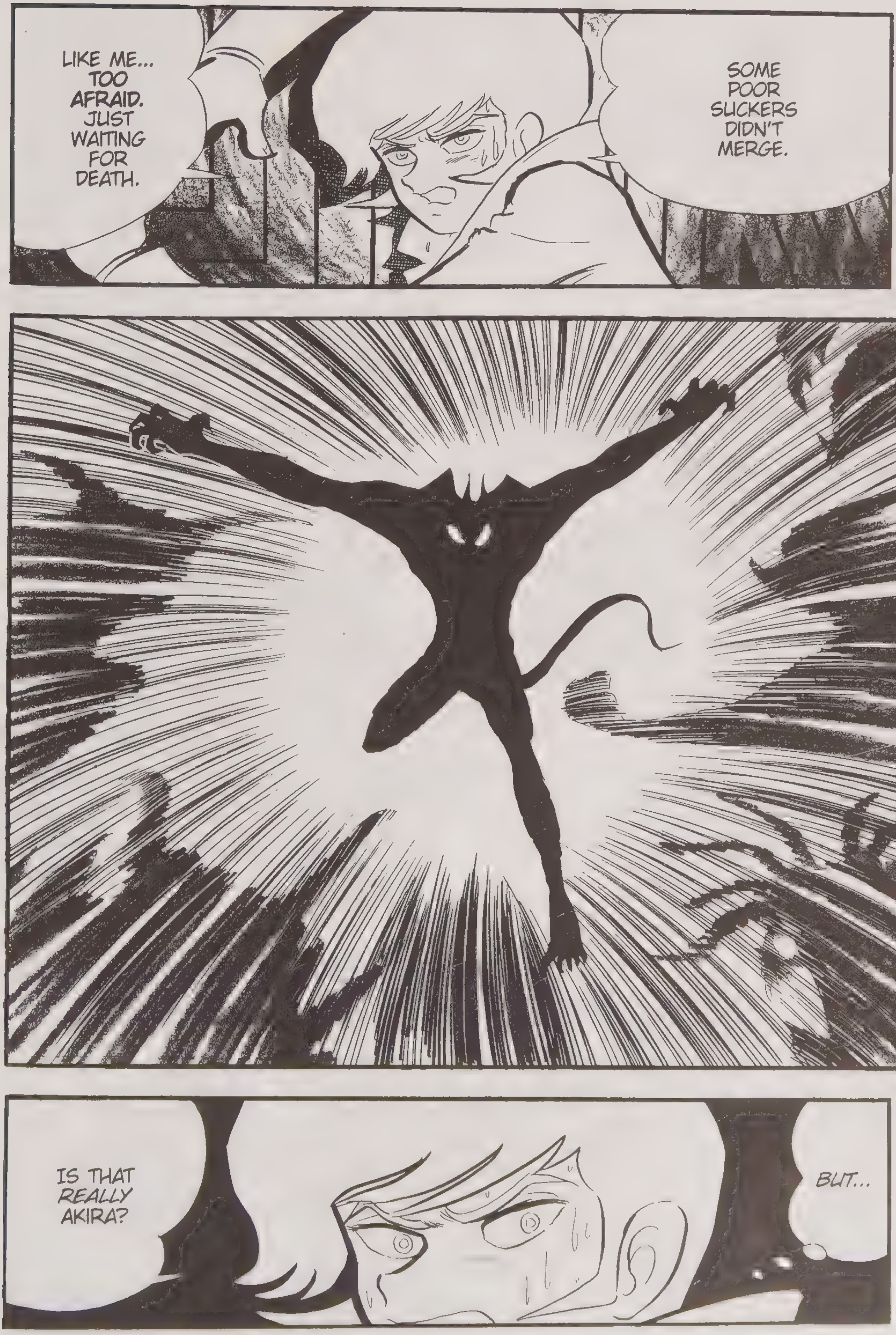

AMON, HAS THAT HUMAN POSSESSED YOU?
THAT'S ONE WAY TO PUT IT.
I HAVE A DEMON'S BODY!
I TOOK THE DEVIL'S POWERS!
SPLURCH
ALL IN ORDER TO DESTROY YOU!!

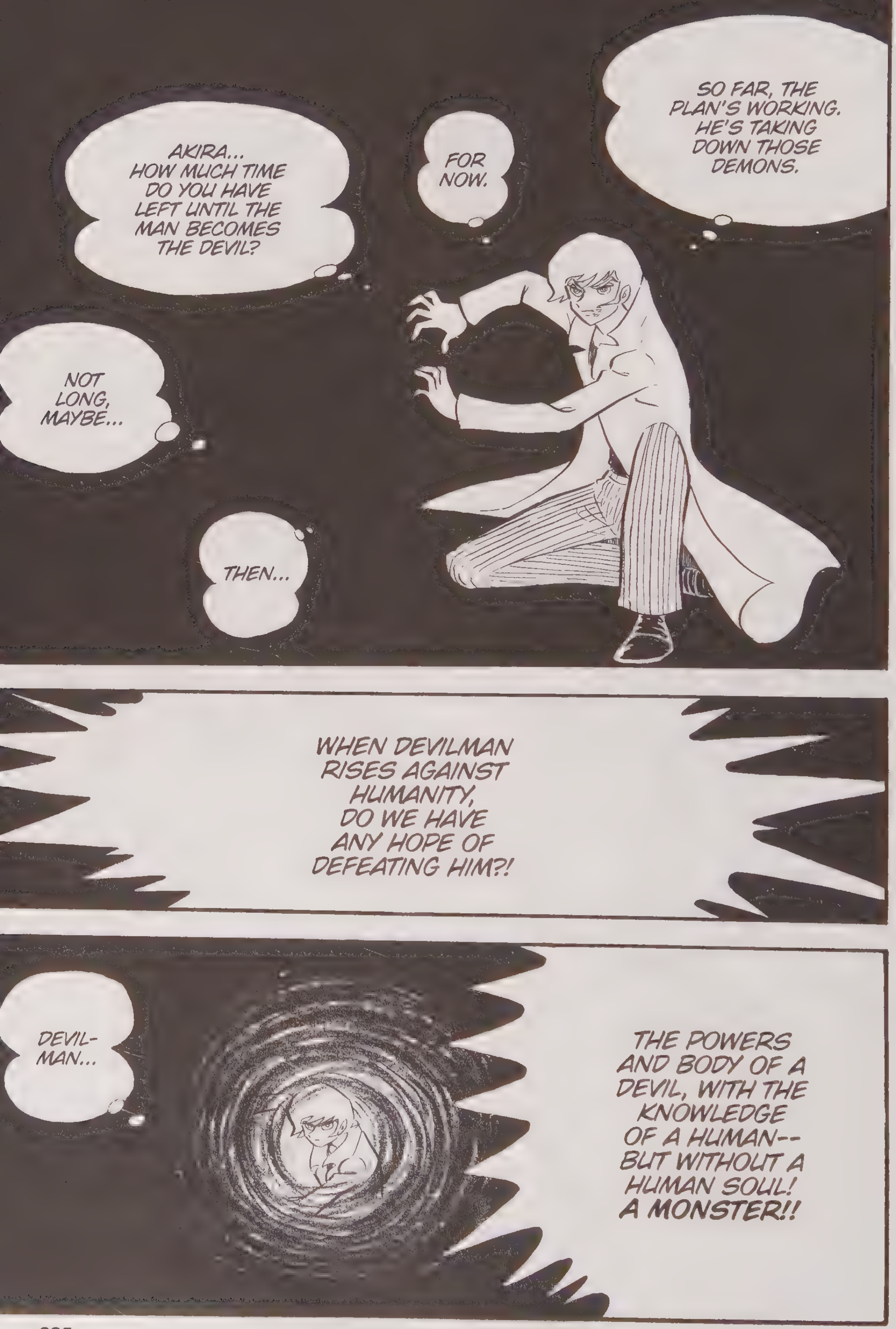

AMON, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
I'M NOT AMON!
I WAS BORN TO WIPE EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
I AM DEVIL-MAN!
WHAT'S THAT?!

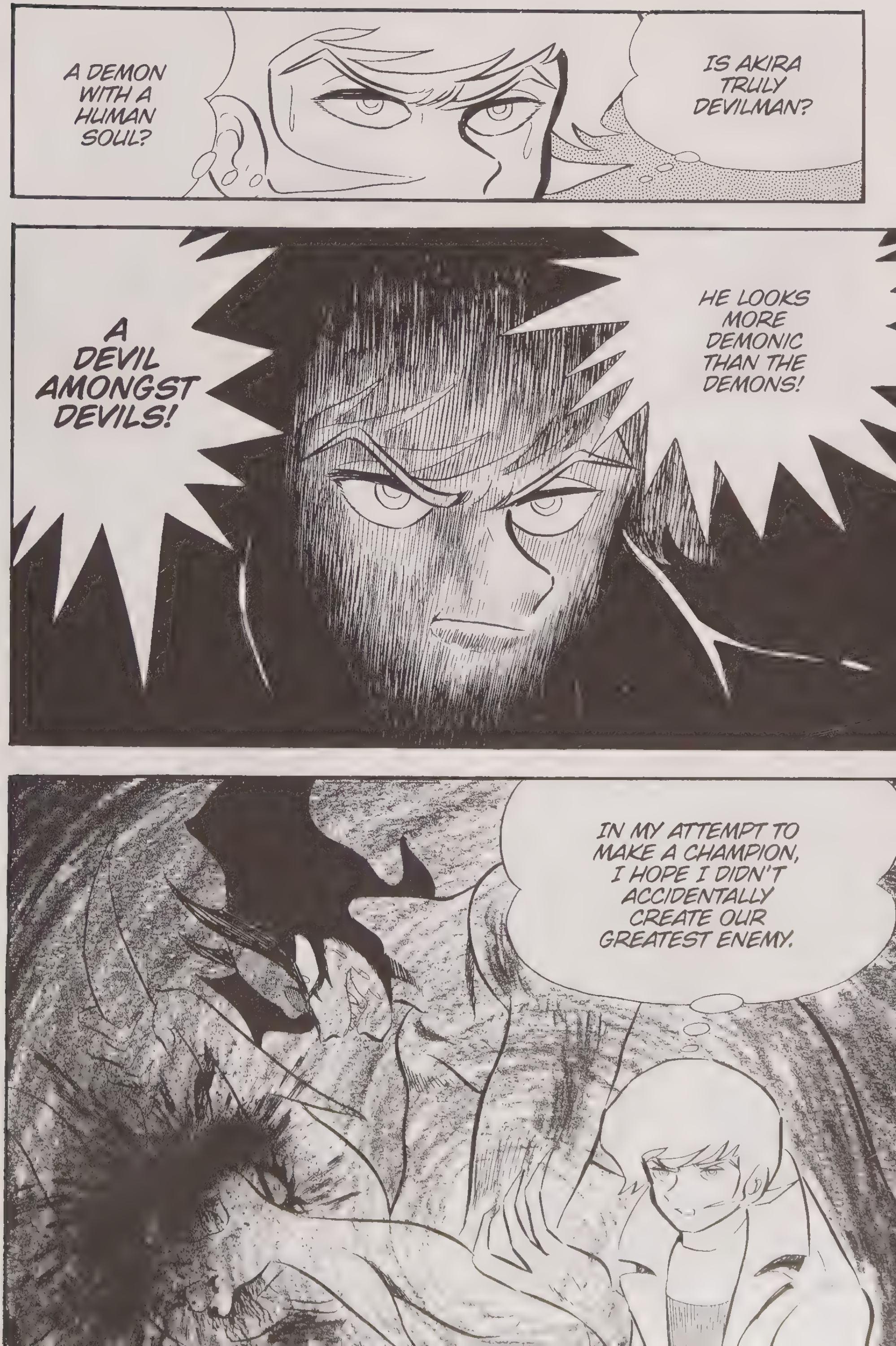

WHIFFF
AAAGGH!
THOK
THOK
EEEEEK!!
WHUMP
GYRAAGH!
HRAGH!
GUOOO!
NRROAAR!!
GIEEEEE!!
GRAH!
RUUUH!
SHVR
SHVR
SHVR

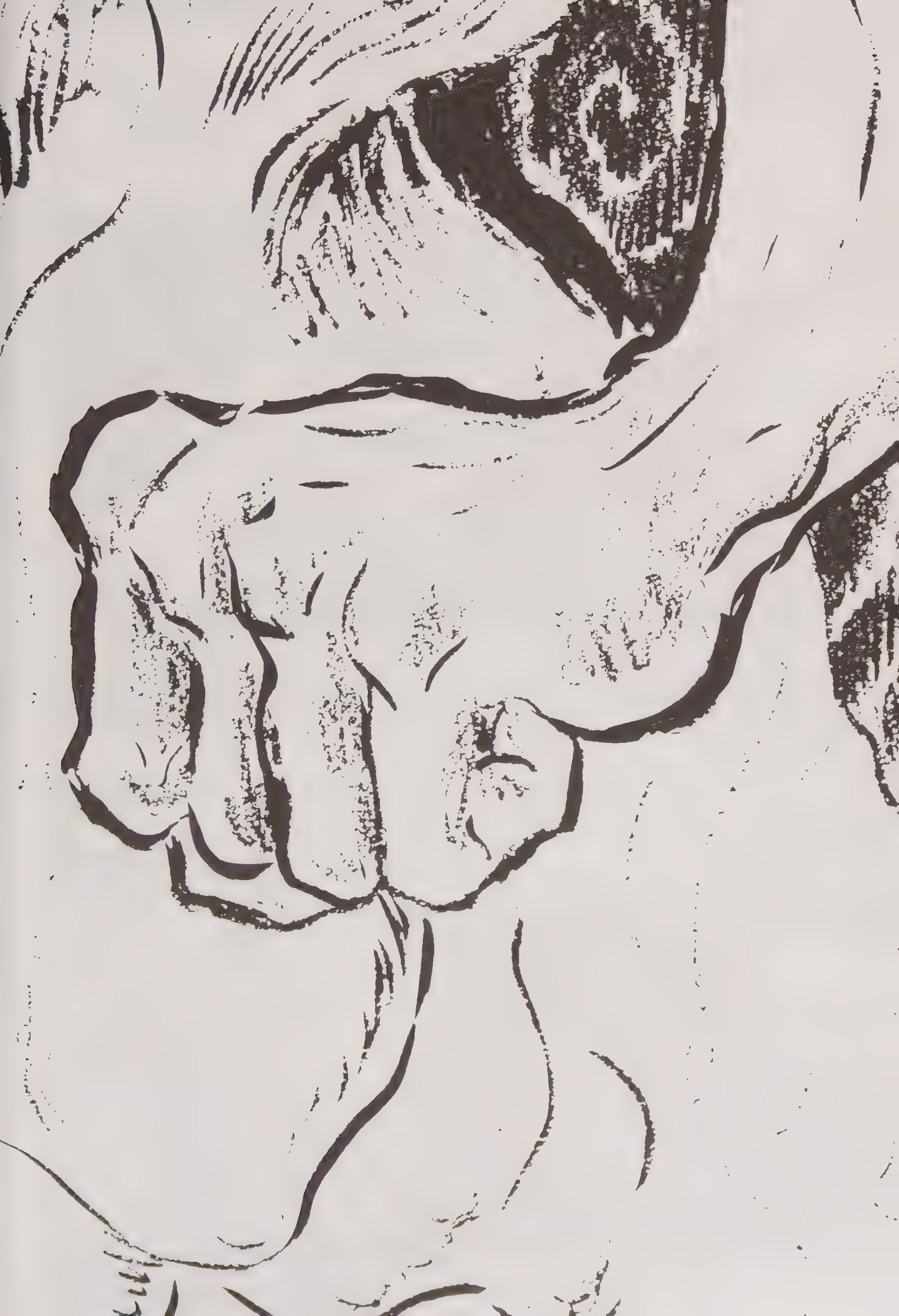

BA-CHOK
KYAAAA!
AHH!
AIIEEEE!!
THUNK
THWIP
SHUUF

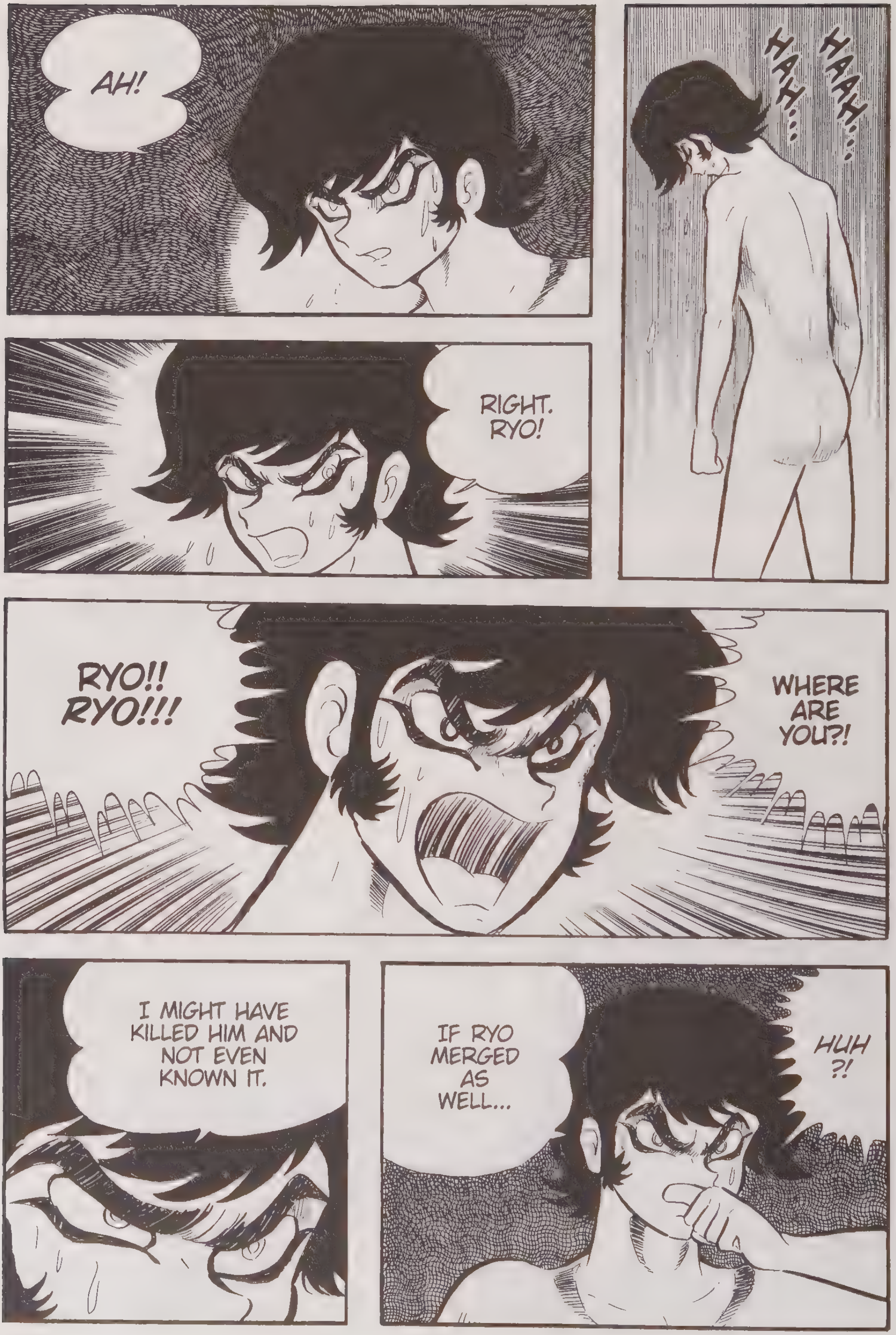

IS FUDO AKIRA STILL IN THERE, BENEATH THAT DEMON BODY?
THAT KIND, TIMID BOY?
LUSTING FOR VIOLENCE!
DELIRIOUSLY PAINTING THE ROOM WITH THE **BLOOD** OF HIS ENEMIES!
DELIGHTING IN **SLAUGHTER** !!

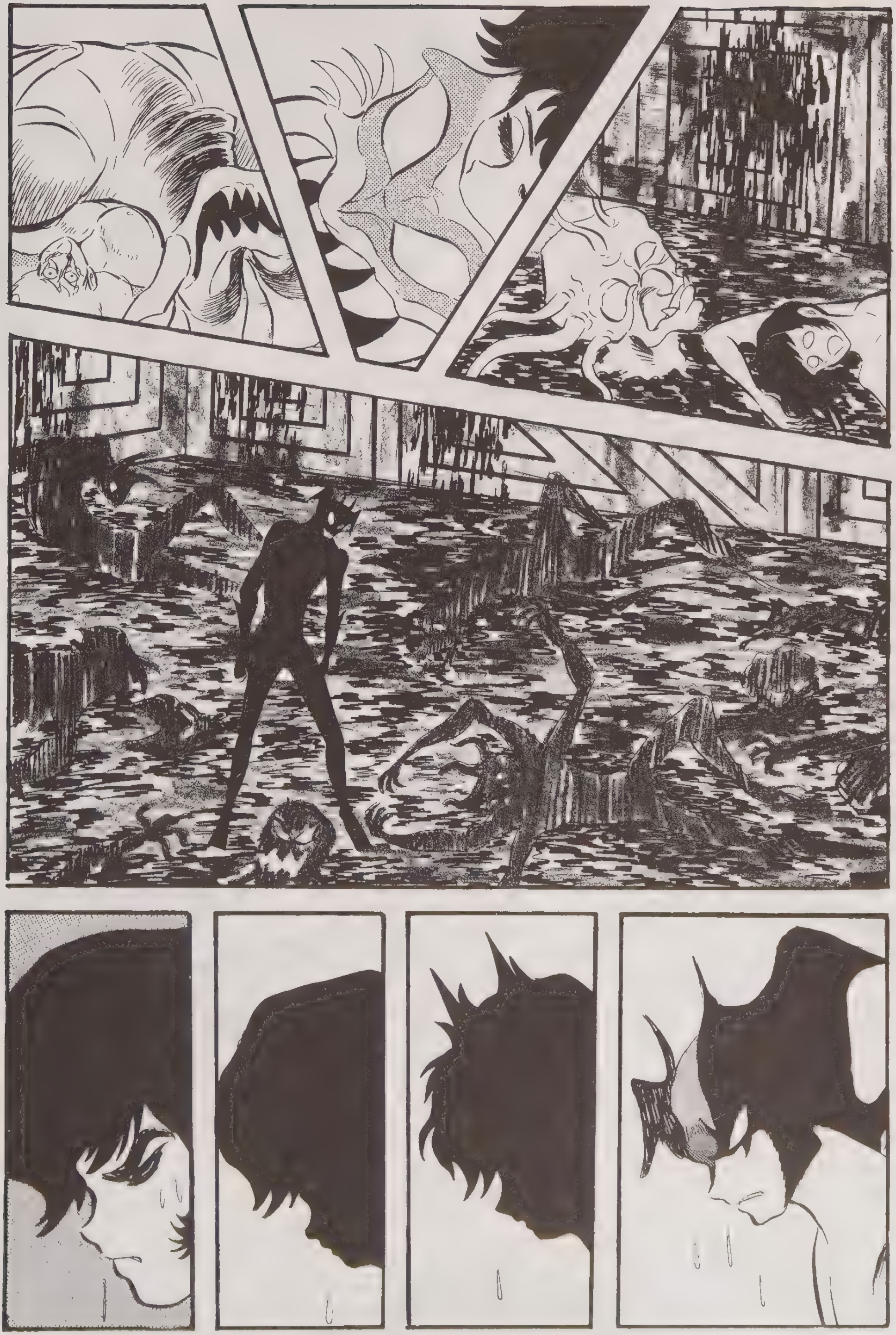

SOME POOR SUCKERS DIDN'T MERGE.
LIKE ME... TOO AFRAID. JUST WAITING FOR DEATH.
BUT...
IS THAT *REALLY* AKIRA?

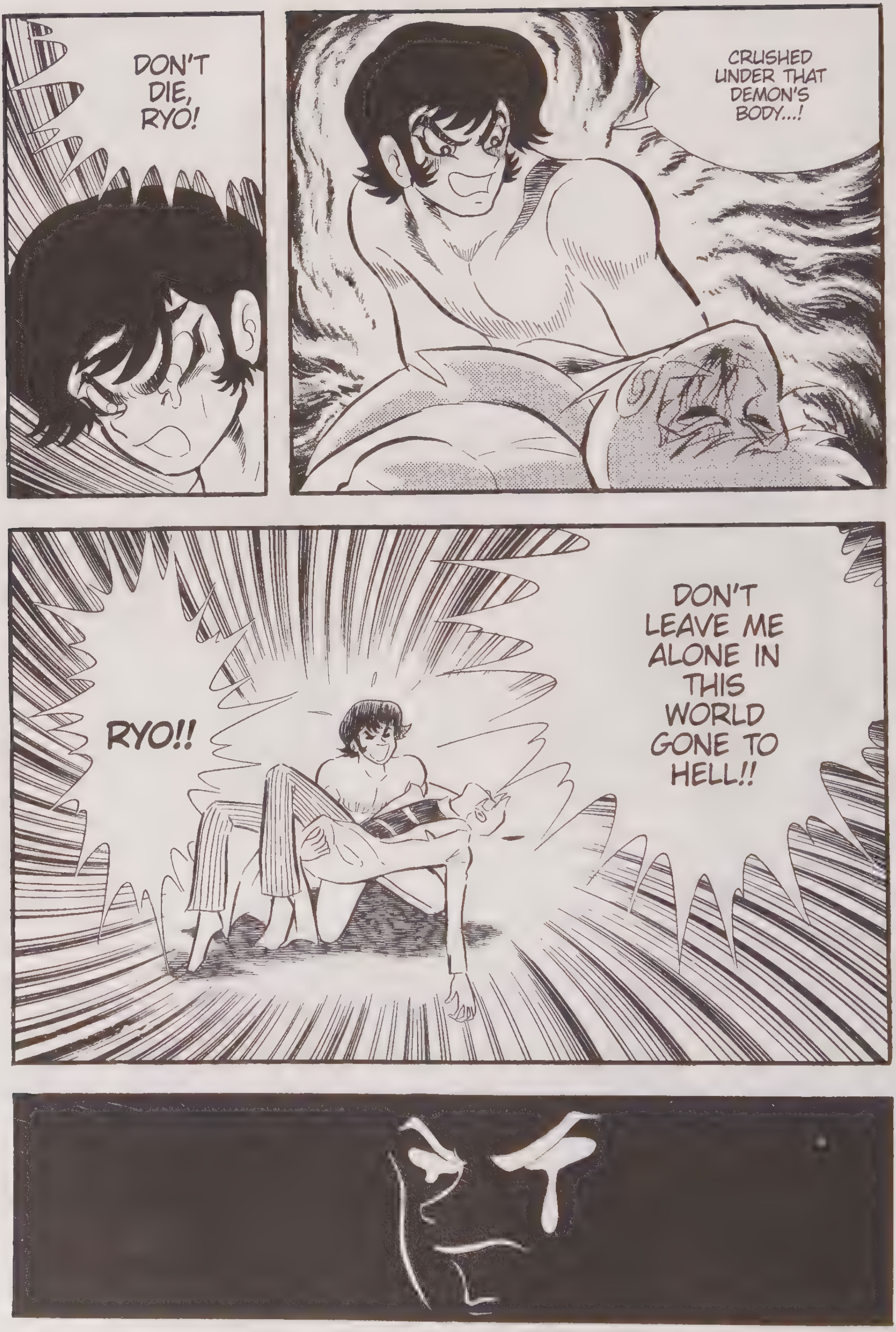

SO FAR, THE PLAN'S WORKING. HE'S TAKING DOWN THOSE DEMONS.
FOR NOW.
AKIRA... HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE LEFT UNTIL THE MAN BECOMES THE DEVIL?
NOT LONG, MAYBE...
THEN...
WHEN DEVILMAN RISES AGAINST HUMANITY, DO WE HAVE ANY HOPE OF DEFEATING HIM?!
THE POWERS AND BODY OF A DEVIL, WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF A HUMAN-- BUT WITHOUT A HUMAN SOUL! A MONSTER!!
DEVILMAN...

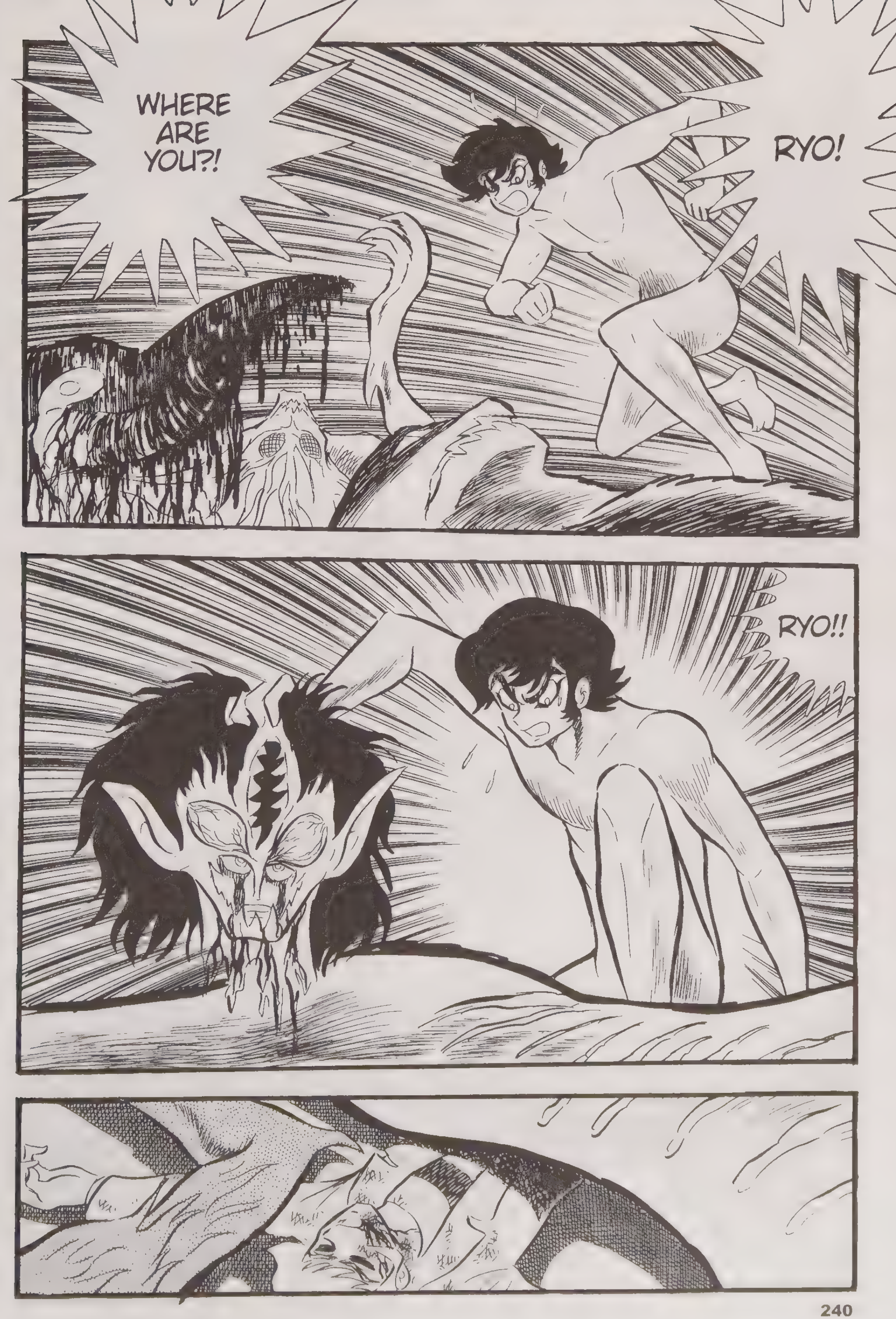

IS AKIRA TRULY DEVILMAN?
A DEMON WITH A HUMAN SOUL?
HE LOOKS MORE DEMONIC THAN THE DEMONS!
A DEVIL AMONGST DEVILS!
IN MY ATTEMPT TO MAKE A CHAMPION, I HOPE I DIDN'T ACCIDENTALLY CREATE OUR GREATEST ENEMY.

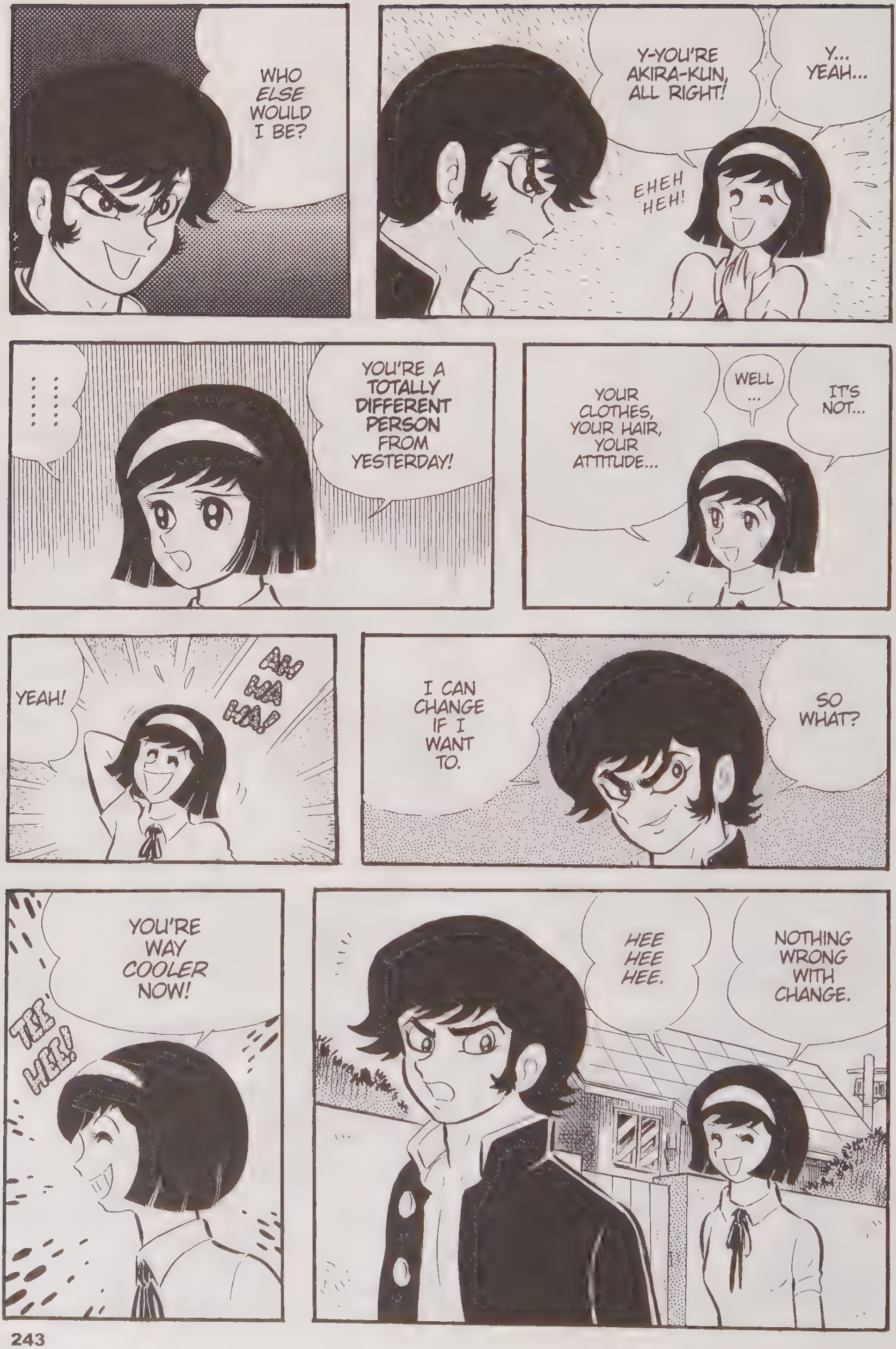


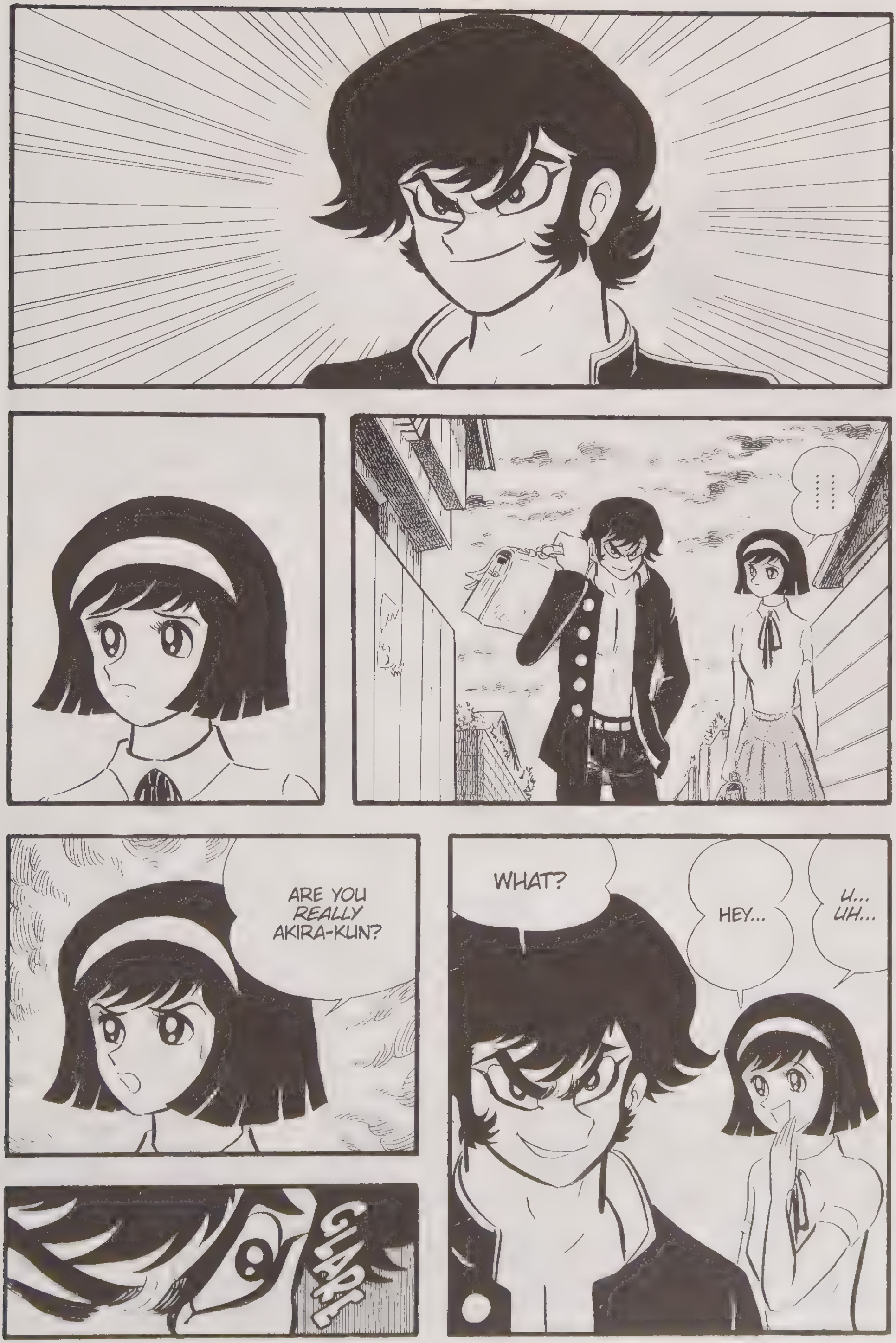

AH!
RIGHT. RYO!
HAAH... HAAH...
RYO!! RYO!!!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
I MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM AND NOT EVEN KNOWN IT.
IF RYO MERGED AS WELL...
HUH?!

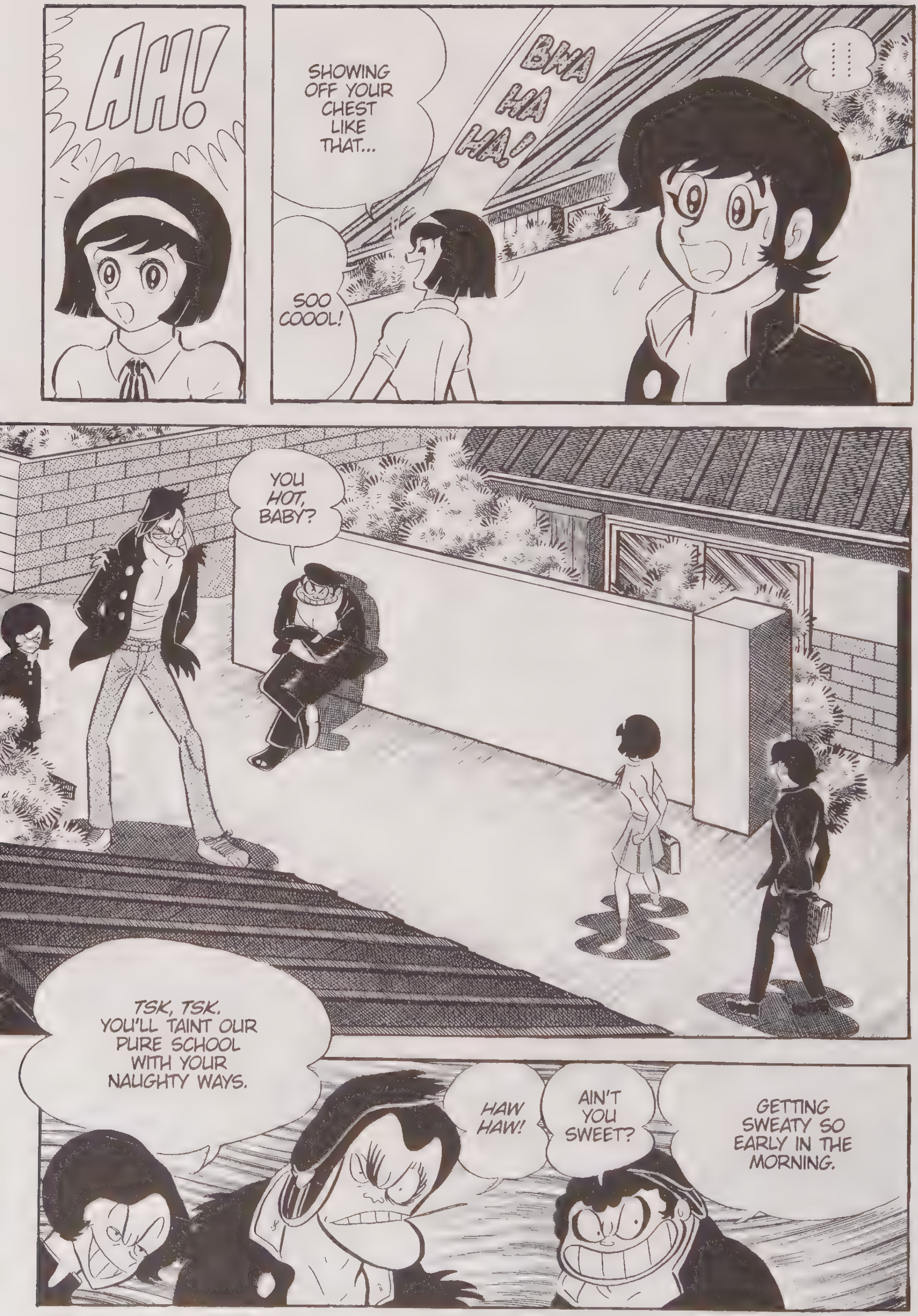


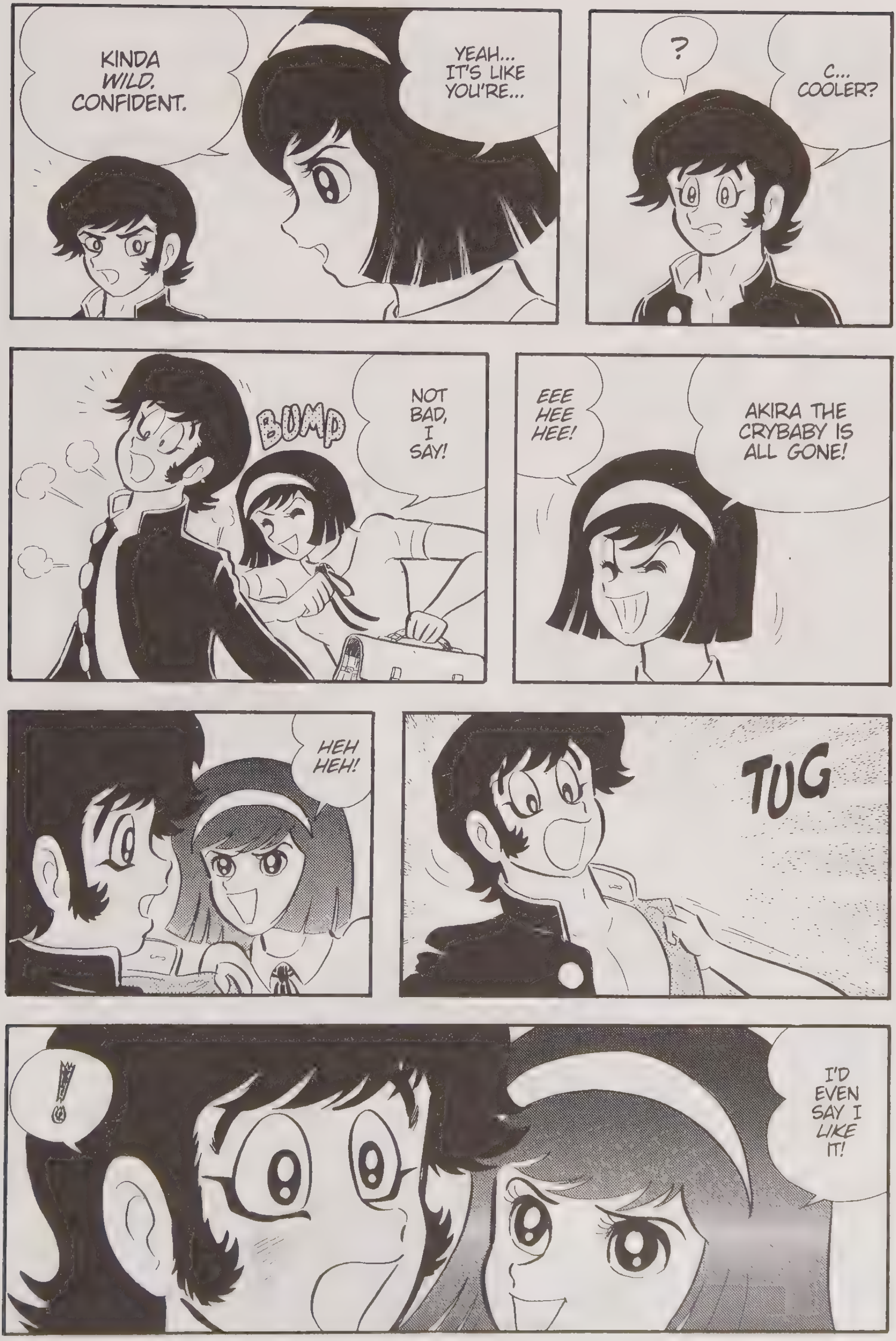

CRUSHED UNDER THAT DEMON'S BODY...!
DON'T DIE, RYO!
DON'T LEAVE ME ALONE IN THIS WORLD GONE TO HELL!!
RYO!!


RYO!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
RYO!!


WHO ELSE WOULD I BE?
Y-YOU'RE AKIRA-KUN, ALL RIGHT!
EHEH HEH!
Y... YEAH...
......
YOU'RE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM YESTERDAY!
YOUR CLOTHES, YOUR HAIR, YOUR ATTITUDE...
WELL ...
IT'S NOT...
YEAH!
AH HA HA!
I CAN CHANGE IF I WANT TO.
SO WHAT?
YOU'RE WAY COOLER NOW!
TEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEE.
NOTHING WRONG WITH CHANGE.


......
ARE YOU REALLY AKIRA-KUN?
GLARE
WHAT?
HEY...
U... UH...


AH!
SHOWING OFF YOUR CHEST LIKE THAT...
SOO COOOL!
BWA HA HA!
......
YOU HOT, BABY?
TSK, TSK. YOU'LL TAINT OUR PURE SCHOOL WITH YOUR NAUGHTY WAYS.
HAW HAW!
AIN'T YOU SWEET?
GETTING SWEATY SO EARLY IN THE MORNING.


C... COOLER?
?
YEAH... IT'S LIKE YOU'RE...
KINDA WILD. CONFIDENT.
AKIRA THE CRYBABY IS ALL GONE!
EEE HEE HEE!
NOT BAD, I SAY!
BUMP
TUG
HEH HEH!
I'D EVEN SAY I LIKE IT!
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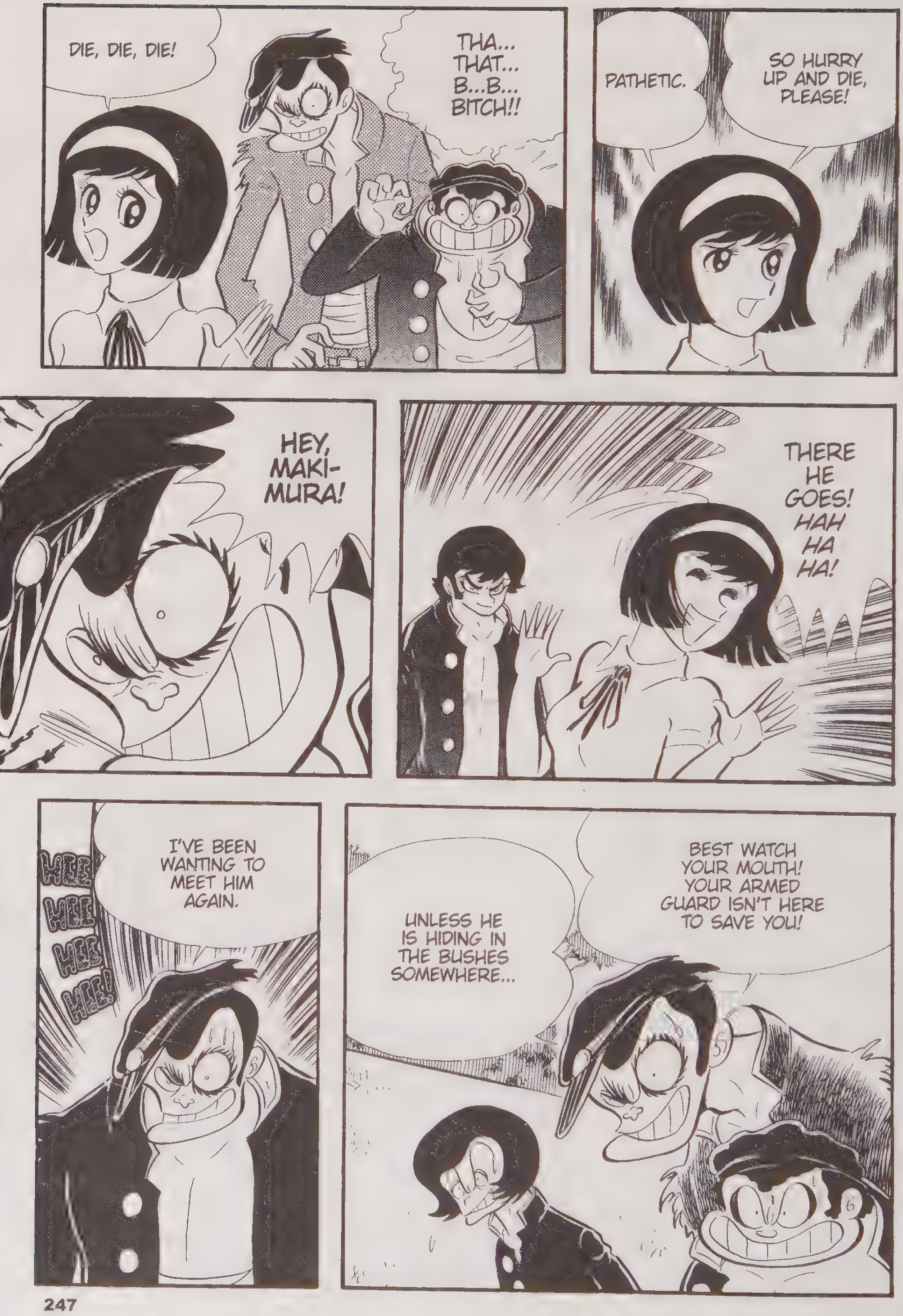
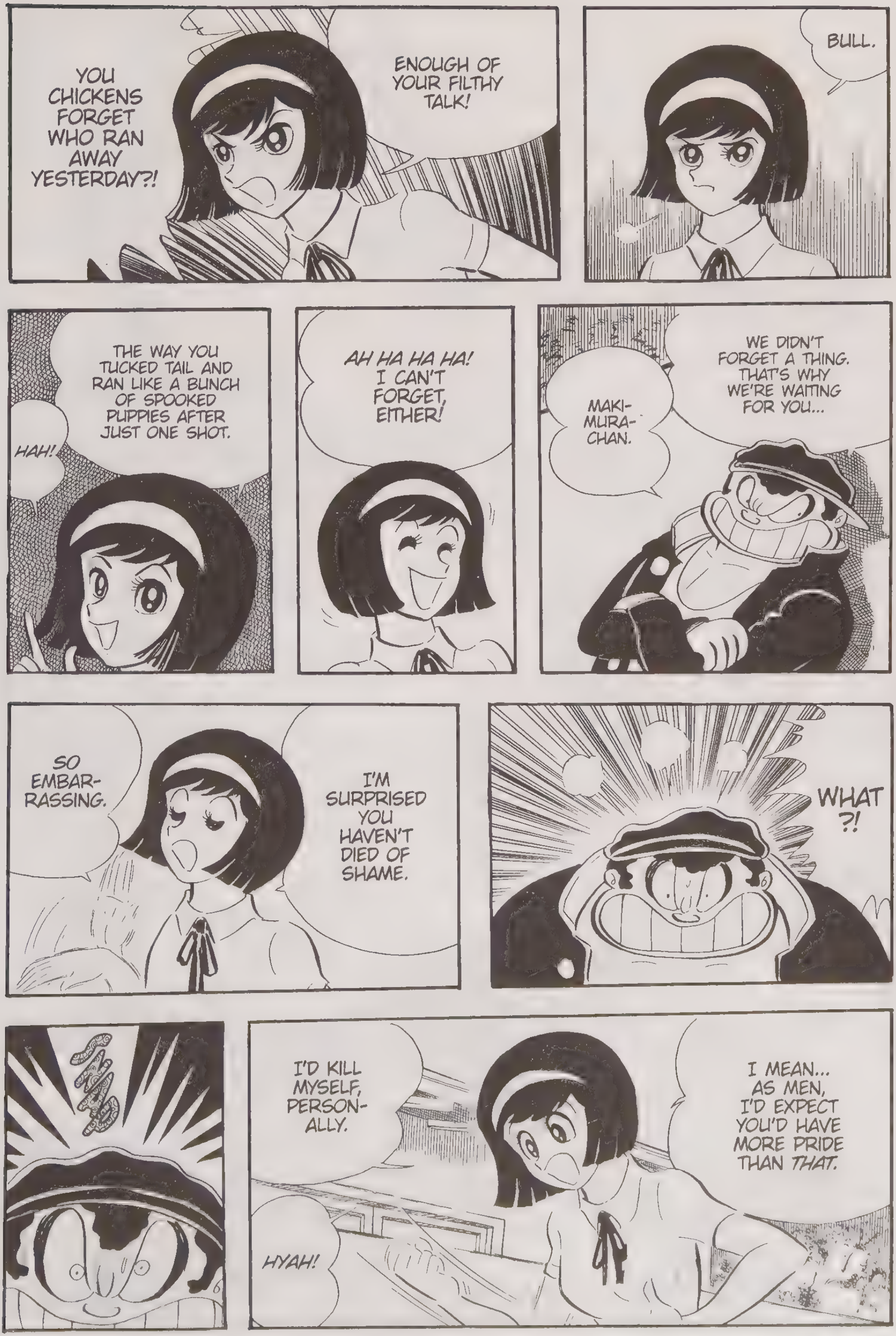
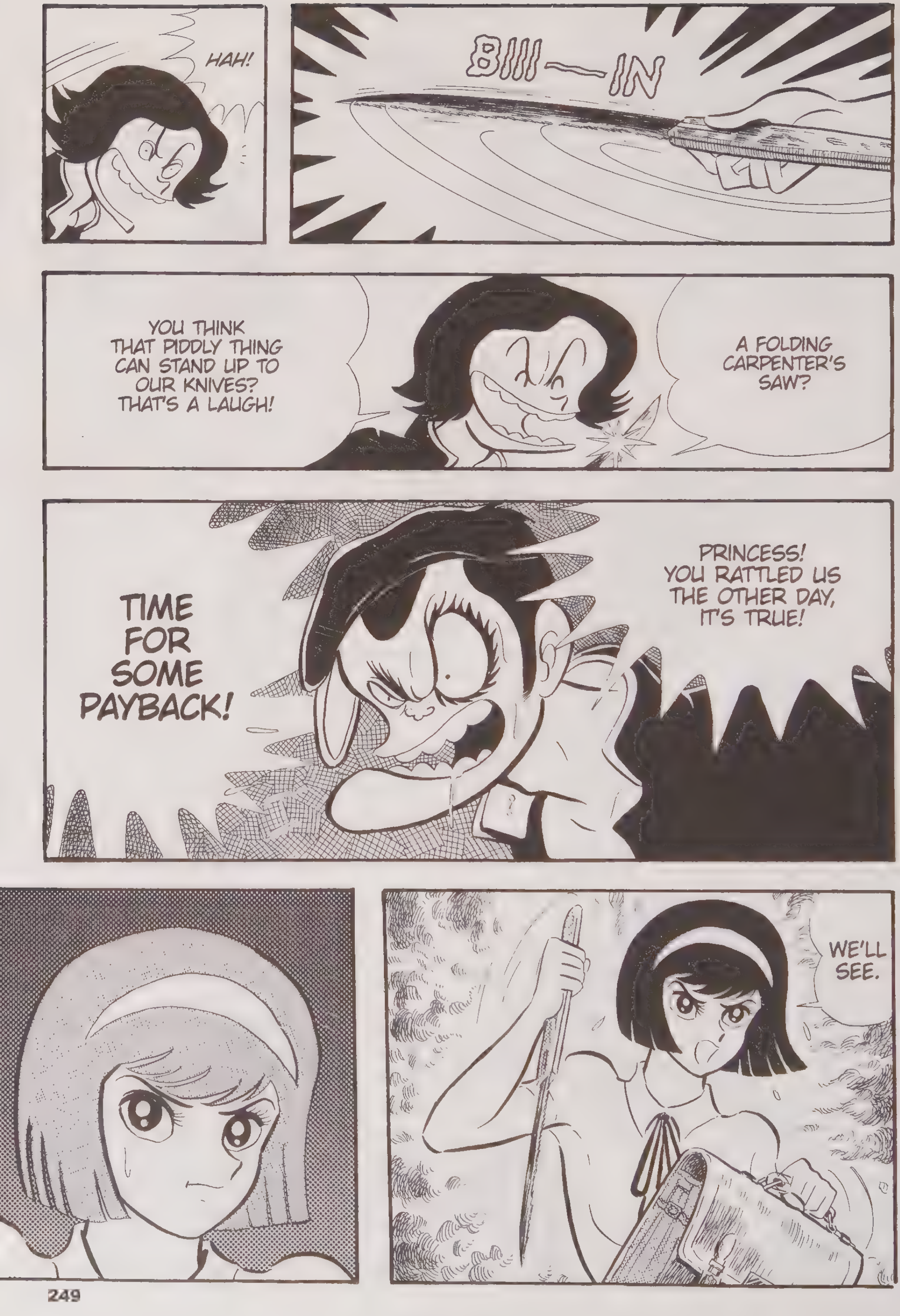
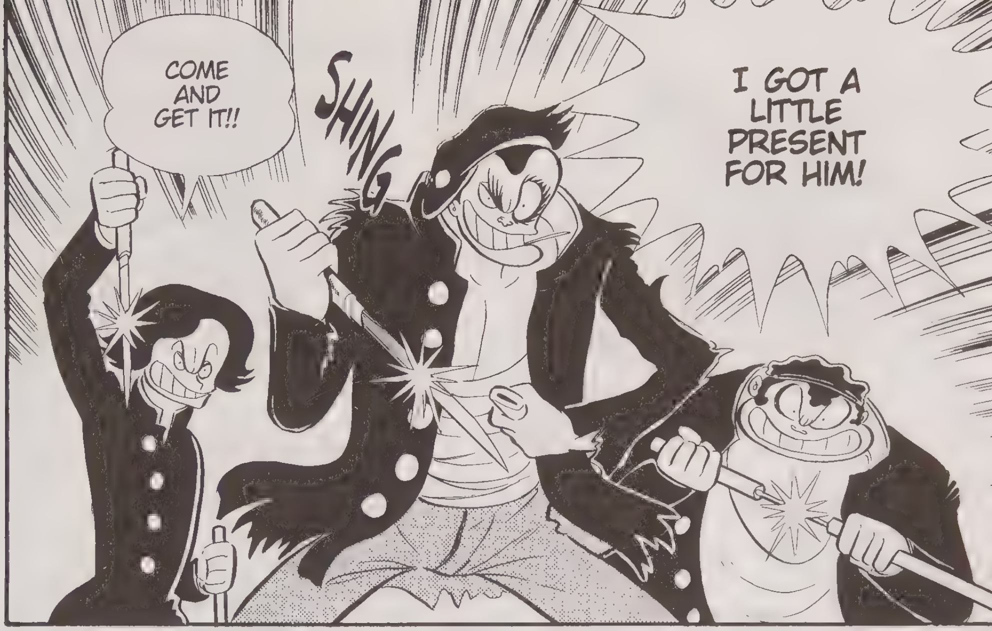
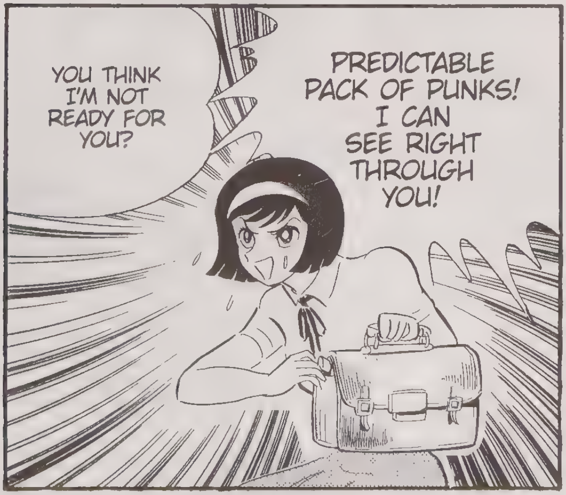
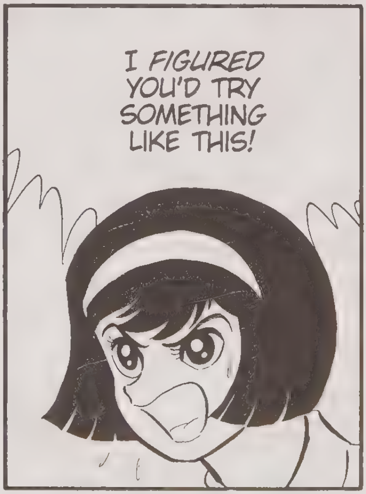

DIE, DIE, DIE!
THA... THAT... B...B... BITCH!!
PATHETIC.
SO HURRY UP AND DIE, PLEASE!
HEY, MAKI-MURA!
THERE HE GOES! HAH HA HA!
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO MEET HIM AGAIN.
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
BEST WATCH YOUR MOUTH! YOUR ARMED GUARD ISN'T HERE TO SAVE YOU!
UNLESS HE IS HIDING IN THE BUSHES SOMEWHERE...

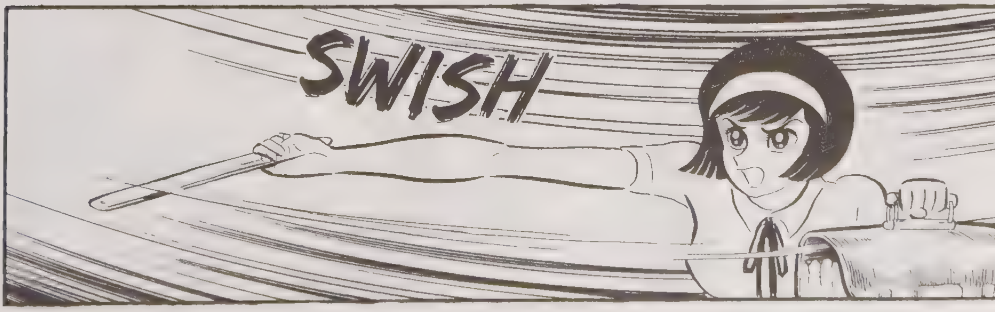

YOU CHICKENS FORGET WHO RAN AWAY YESTERDAY?!
ENOUGH OF YOUR FILTHY TALK!
BULL.
HAH!
THE WAY YOU TUCKED TAIL AND RAN LIKE A BUNCH OF SPOOKED PUPPIES AFTER JUST ONE SHOT.
AH HA HA HA! I CAN'T FORGET, EITHER!
WE DIDN'T FORGET A THING. THAT'S WHY WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU...
MAKIMURA-CHAN.
SO EMBARRASSING.
I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVEN'T DIED OF SHAME.
WHAT?!
I'D KILL MYSELF, PERSONALLY.
I MEAN... AS MEN, I'D EXPECT YOU'D HAVE MORE PRIDE THAN *THAT.*
HYAH!

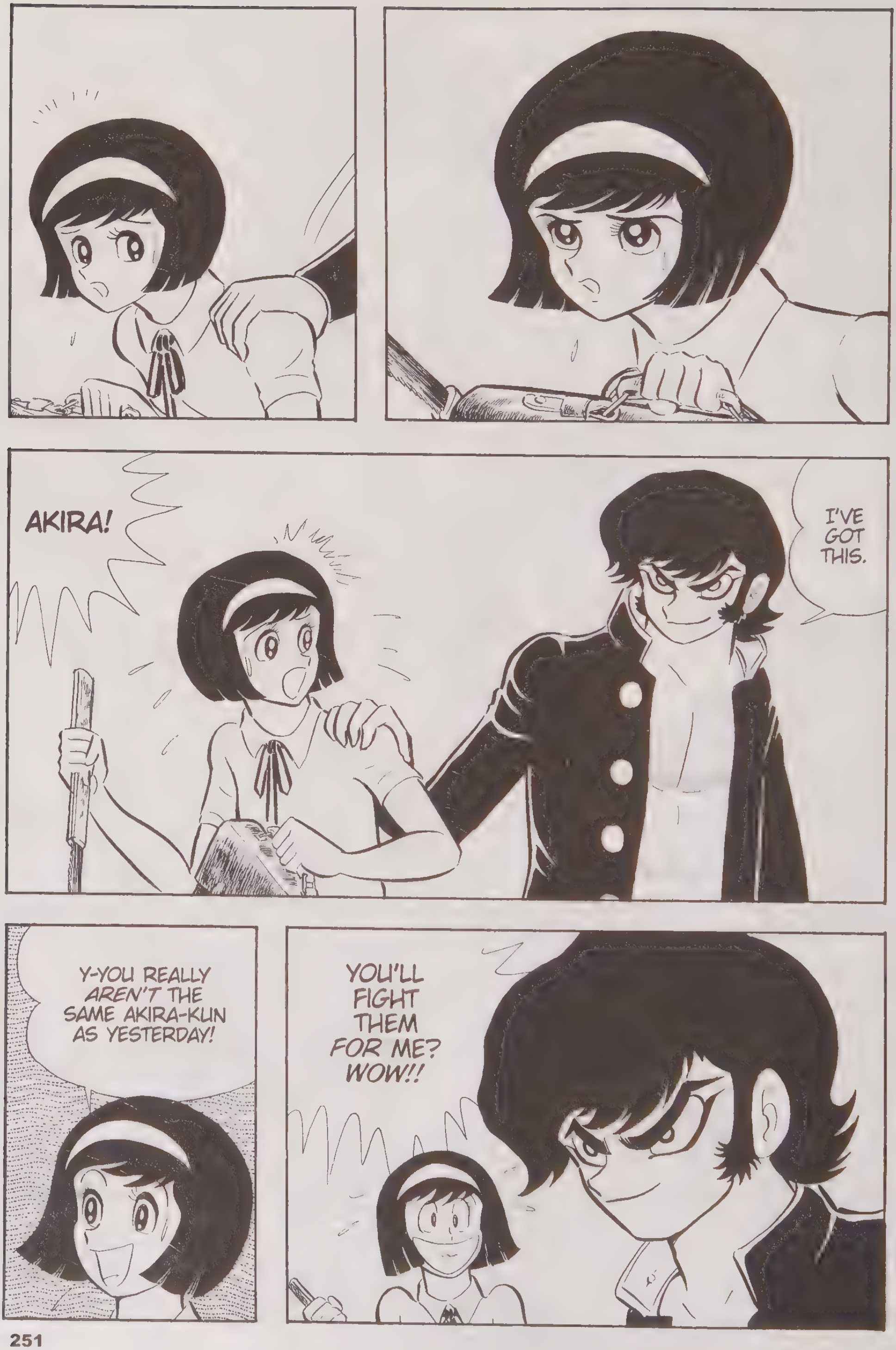

BIII—IN
HAH!
A FOLDING CARPENTER'S SAW?
YOU THINK THAT PIDDLY THING CAN STAND UP TO OUR KNIVES? THAT'S A LAUGH!
PRINCESS! YOU RATTLED US THE OTHER DAY, IT'S TRUE!
TIME FOR SOME PAYBACK!
WE'LL SEE.

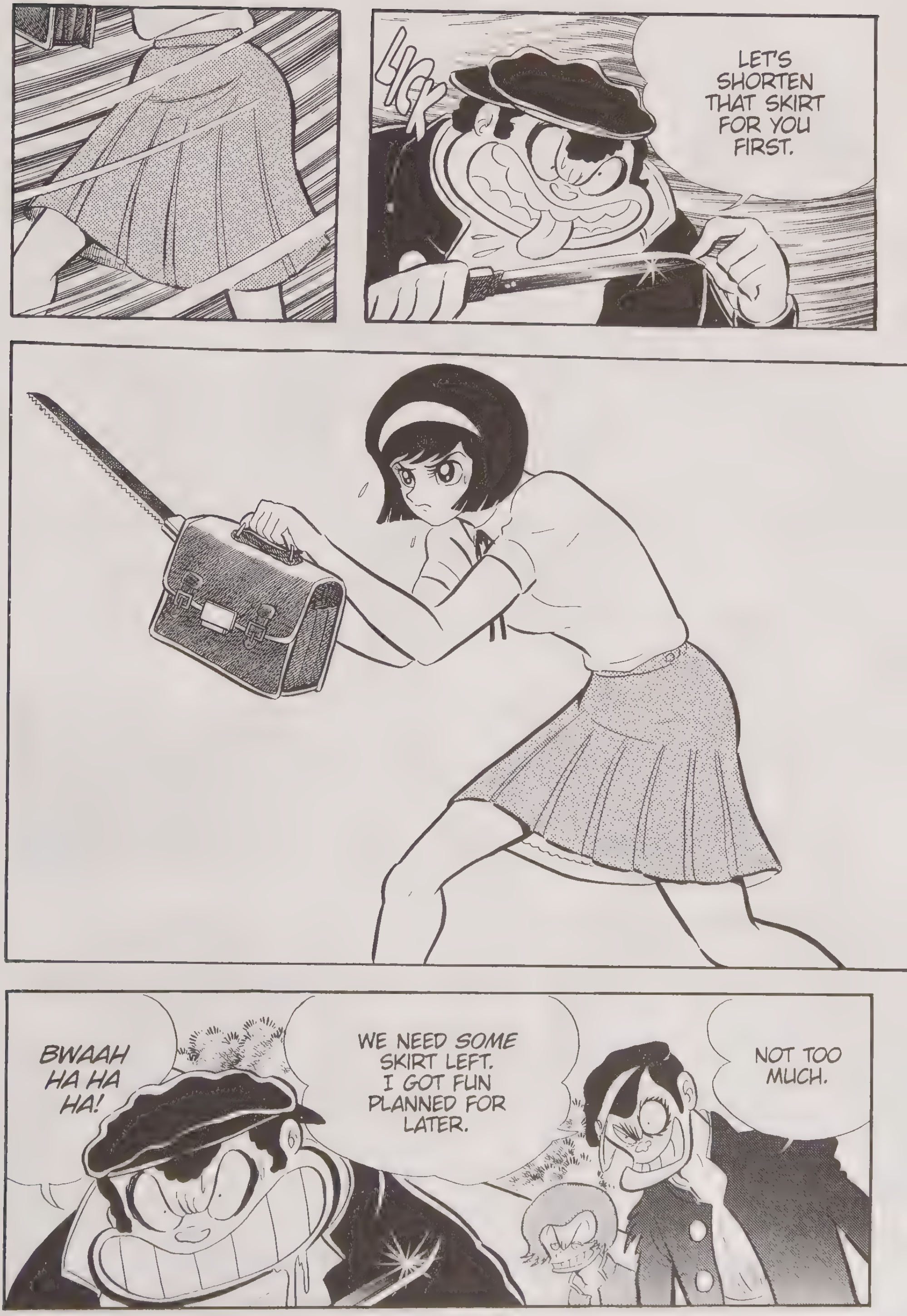

COME AND GET IT!!
SHING
I GOT A LITTLE PRESENT FOR HIM!

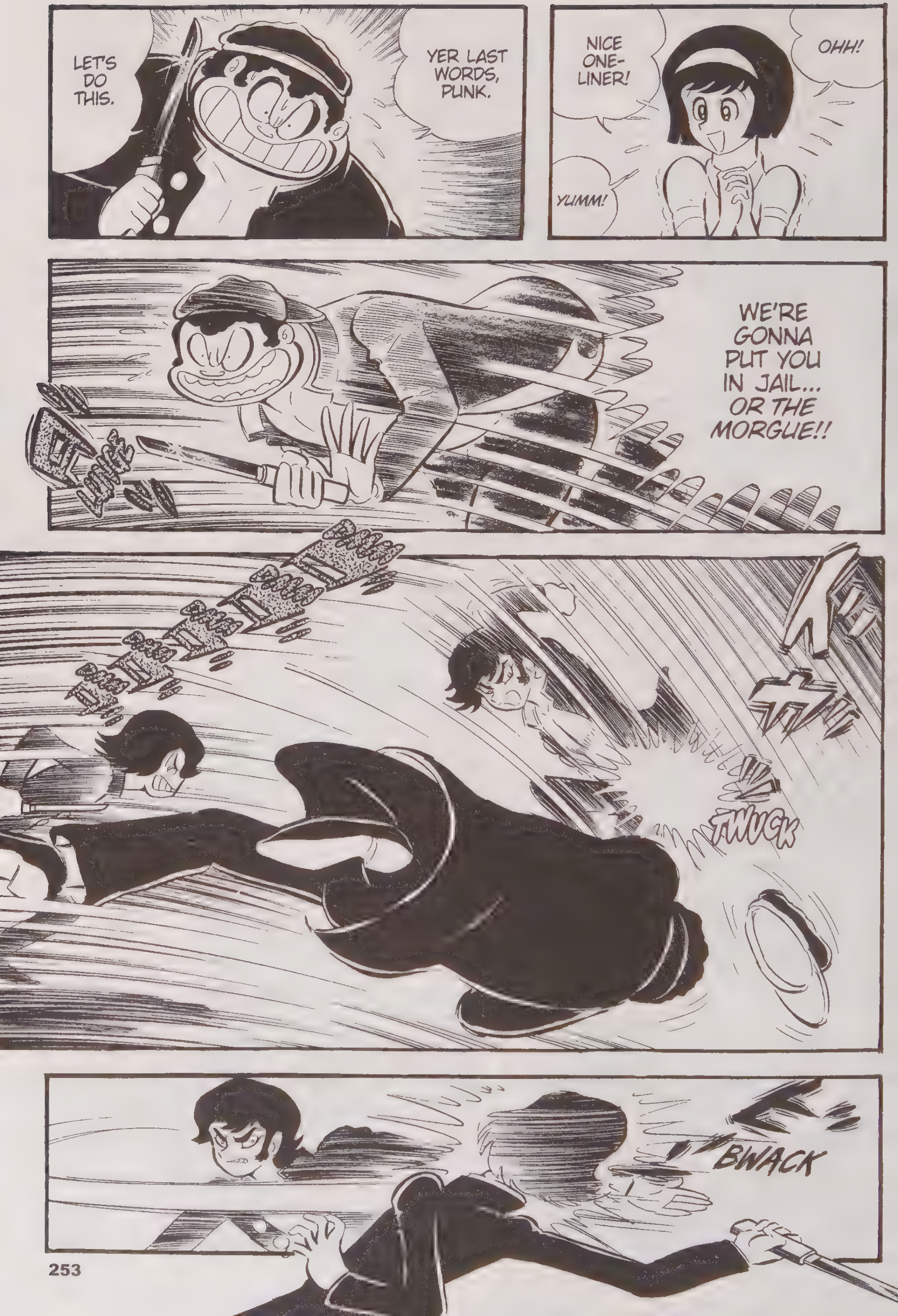

YOU THINK I'M NOT READY FOR YOU?
PREDICTABLE PACK OF PUNKS! I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU!

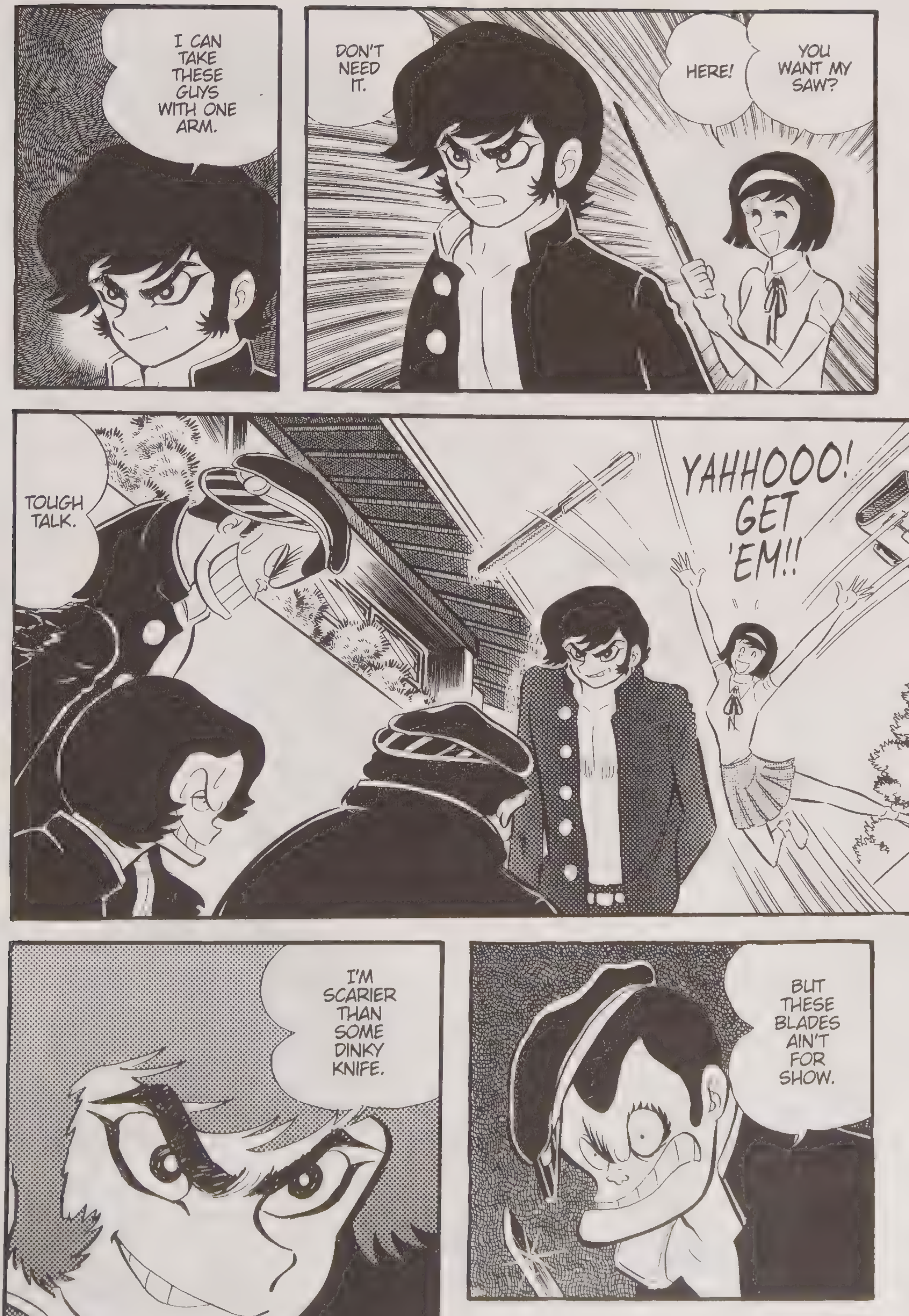

I *FIGURED* YOU'D TRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

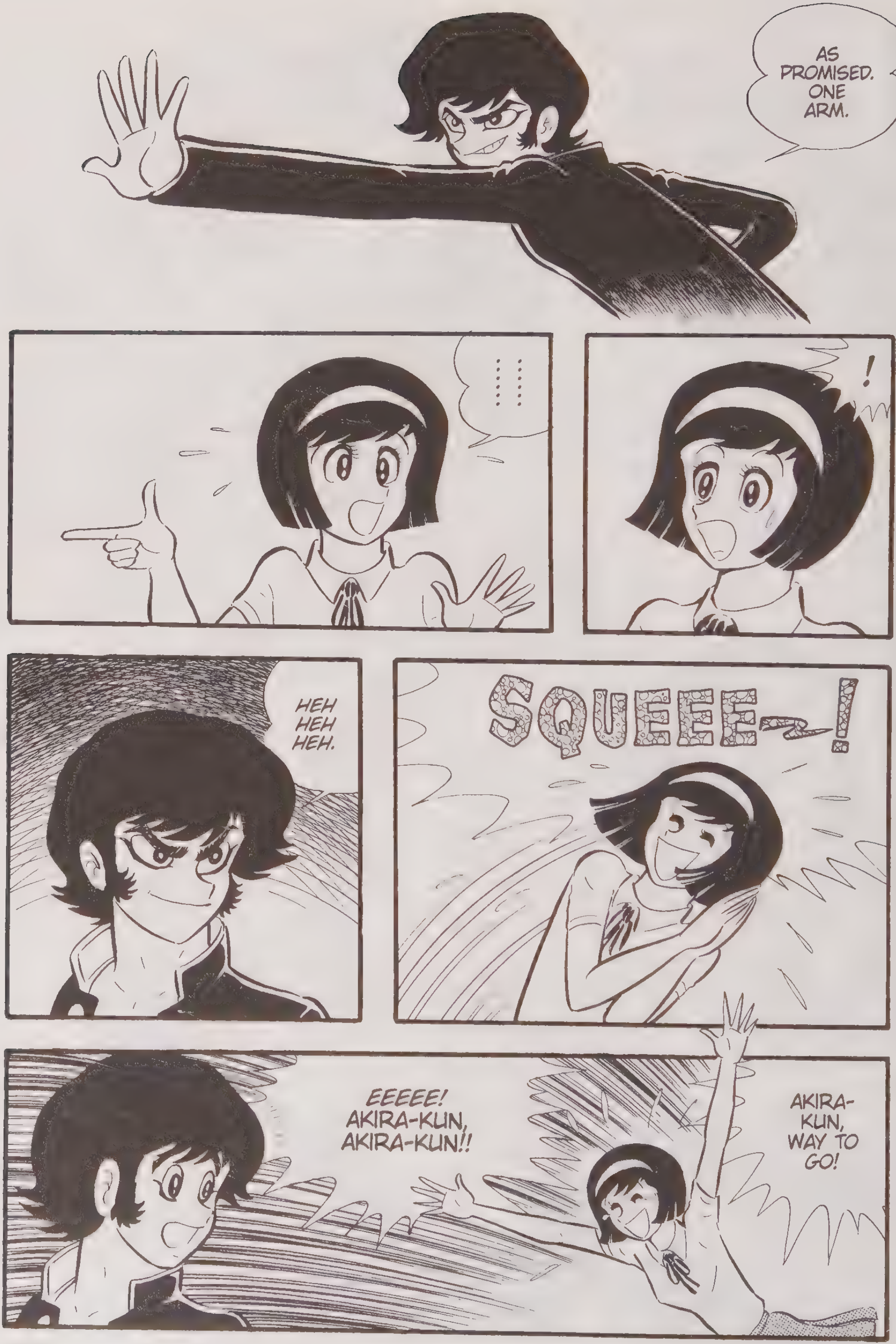

SWISH


AKIRA!
I'VE GOT THIS.
Y-YOU REALLY *AREN'T* THE SAME AKIRA-KUN AS YESTERDAY!
YOU'LL FIGHT THEM *FOR ME? WOW!!*


LICK
LET'S SHORTEN THAT SKIRT FOR YOU FIRST.
NOT TOO MUCH.
WE NEED SOME SKIRT LEFT. I GOT FUN PLANNED FOR LATER.
BWAAH HA HA HA!


OHH!
NICE ONE-LINER!
YUMM!
YER LAST WORDS, PUNK.
LET'S DO THIS.
WE'RE GONNA PUT YOU IN JAIL... OR THE MORGUE!!
LUNGE
TWUCK
BWACK


YOU WANT MY SAW?
HERE!
DON'T NEED IT.
I CAN TAKE THESE GUYS WITH ONE ARM.
YAHHOOO! GET 'EM!!
TOUGH TALK.
BUT THESE BLADES AIN'T FOR SHOW.
I'M SCARIER THAN SOME DINKY KNIFE.


AS PROMISED. ONE ARM.
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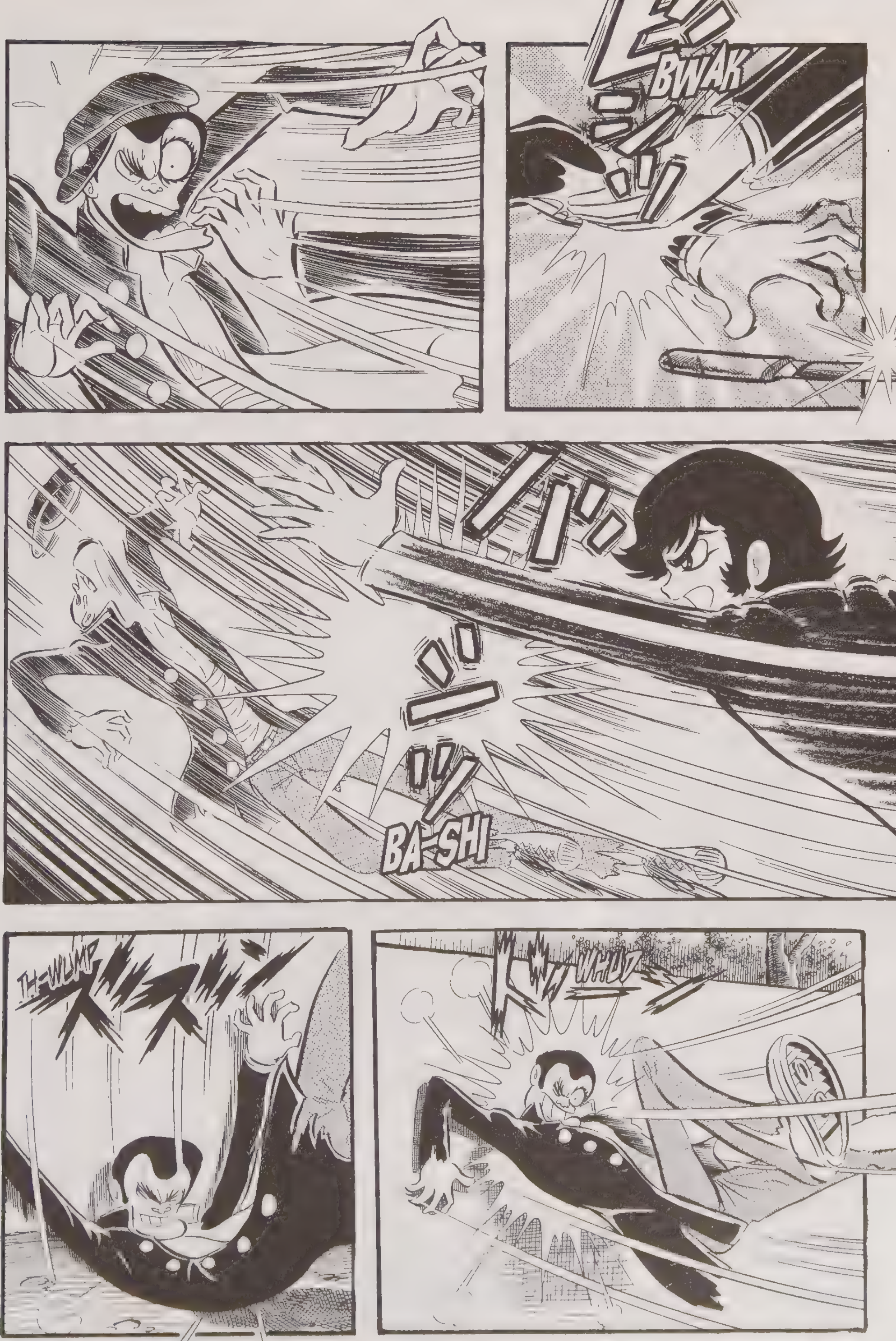
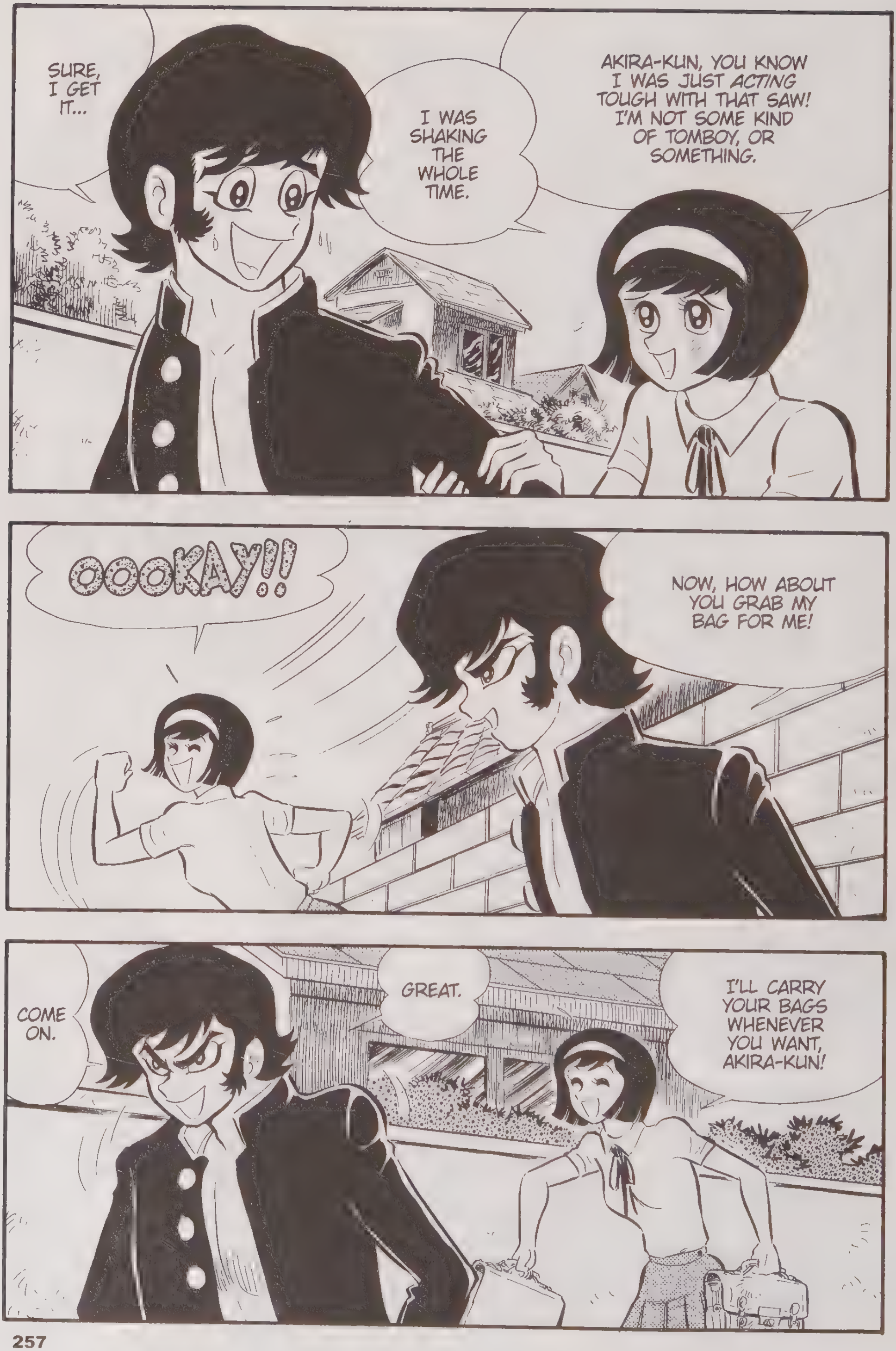
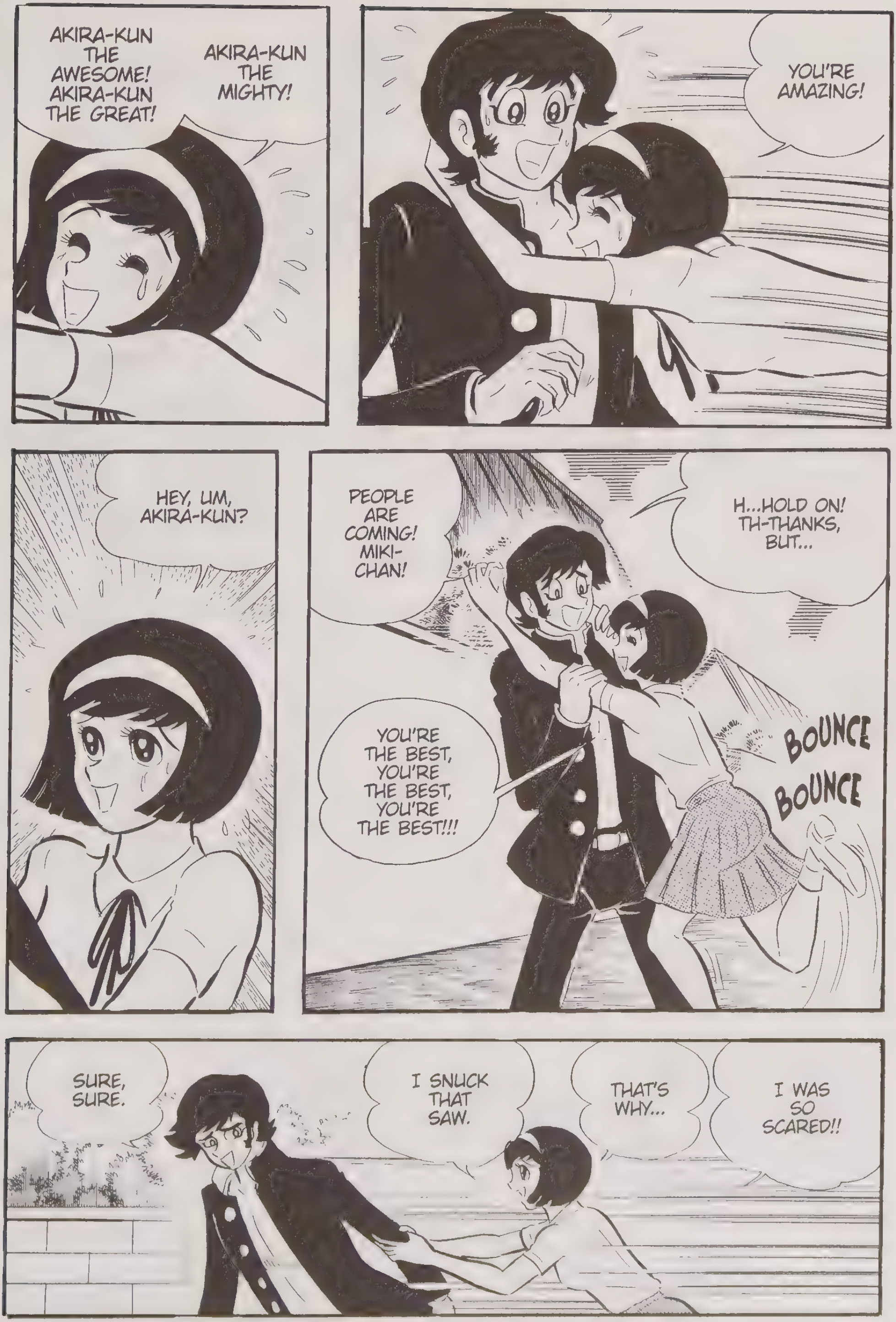
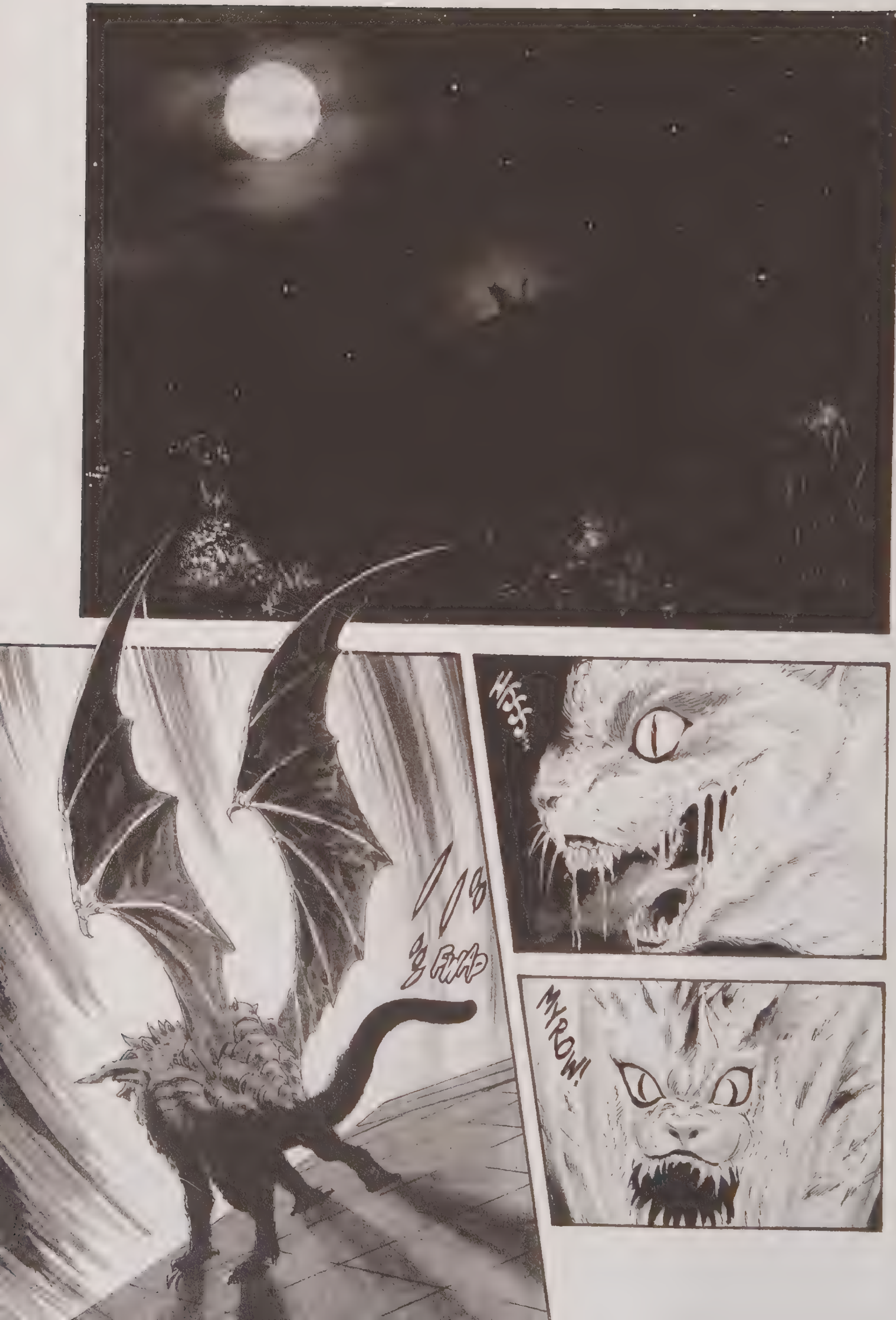
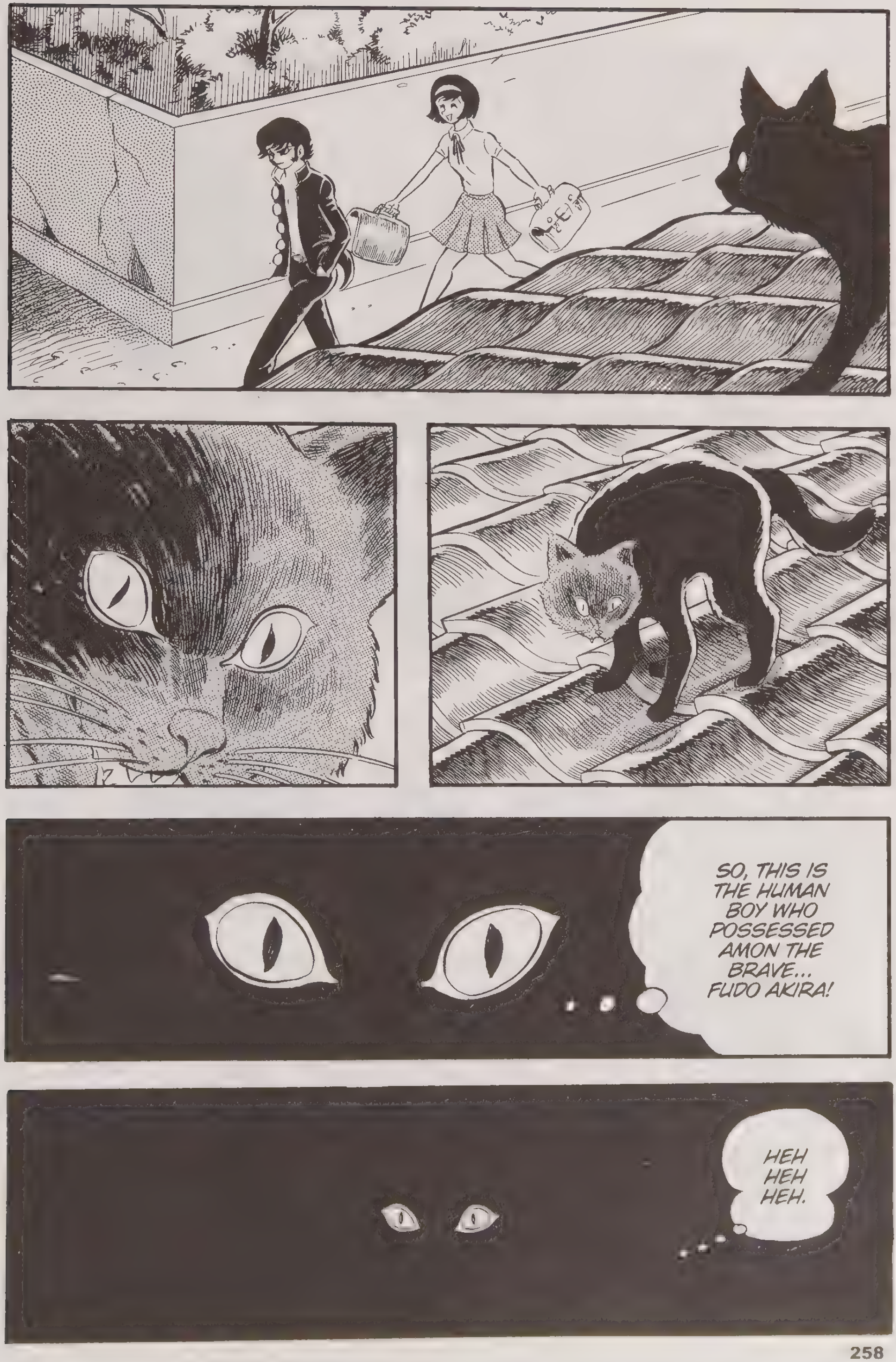
HEH HEH HEH.
SQUEEE-!
EEEEE! AKIRA-KUN, AKIRA-KUN!!
AKIRA-KUN, WAY TO GO!

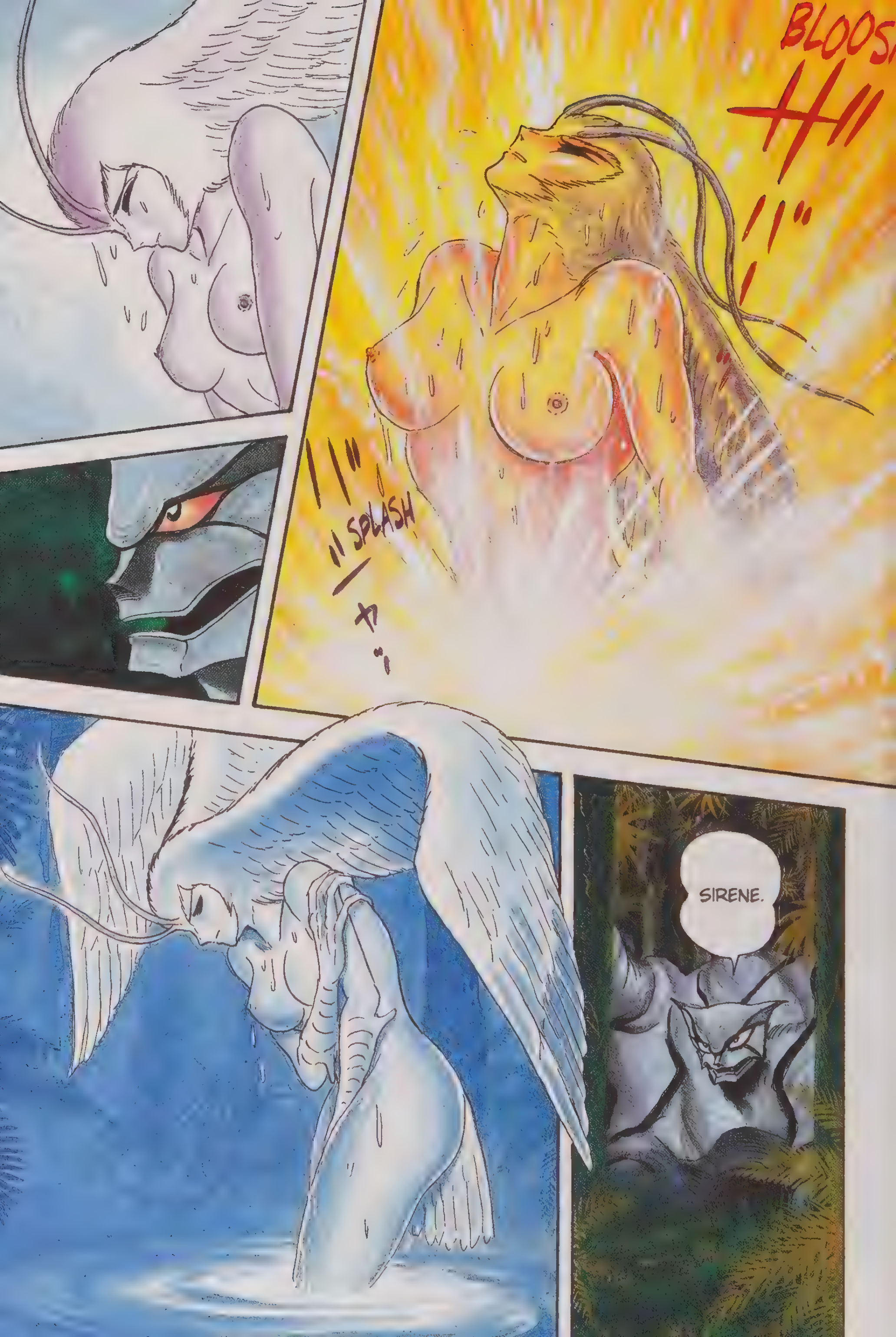

BWAK
BA-SHI
WHUD
TH-WUMP


AKIRA-KUN, YOU KNOW I WAS JUST *ACTING* TOUGH WITH THAT SAW! I'M NOT SOME KIND OF TOMBOY, OR SOMETHING.
I WAS SHAKING THE WHOLE TIME.
SURE, I GET IT...
NOW, HOW ABOUT YOU GRAB MY BAG FOR ME!
OOOKAY!!
I'LL CARRY YOUR BAGS WHENEVER YOU WANT, AKIRA-KUN!
GREAT.
COME ON.


YOU'RE AMAZING!
AKIRA-KUN THE MIGHTY!
AKIRA-KUN THE AWESOME! AKIRA-KUN THE GREAT!
H...HOLD ON! TH-THANKS, BUT...
PEOPLE ARE COMING! MIKI-CHAN!
YOU'RE THE BEST, YOU'RE THE BEST, YOU'RE THE BEST!!!
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
HEY, UM, AKIRA-KUN?
I WAS SO SCARED!!
THAT'S WHY...
I SNUCK THAT SAW.
SURE, SURE.


FWAP
HISSS...
MYROW!


SO, THIS IS THE HUMAN BOY WHO POSSESSED AMON THE BRAVE... FUDO AKIRA!
HEH HEH HEH.


BLOOSH
SPLASH
SIRENE.

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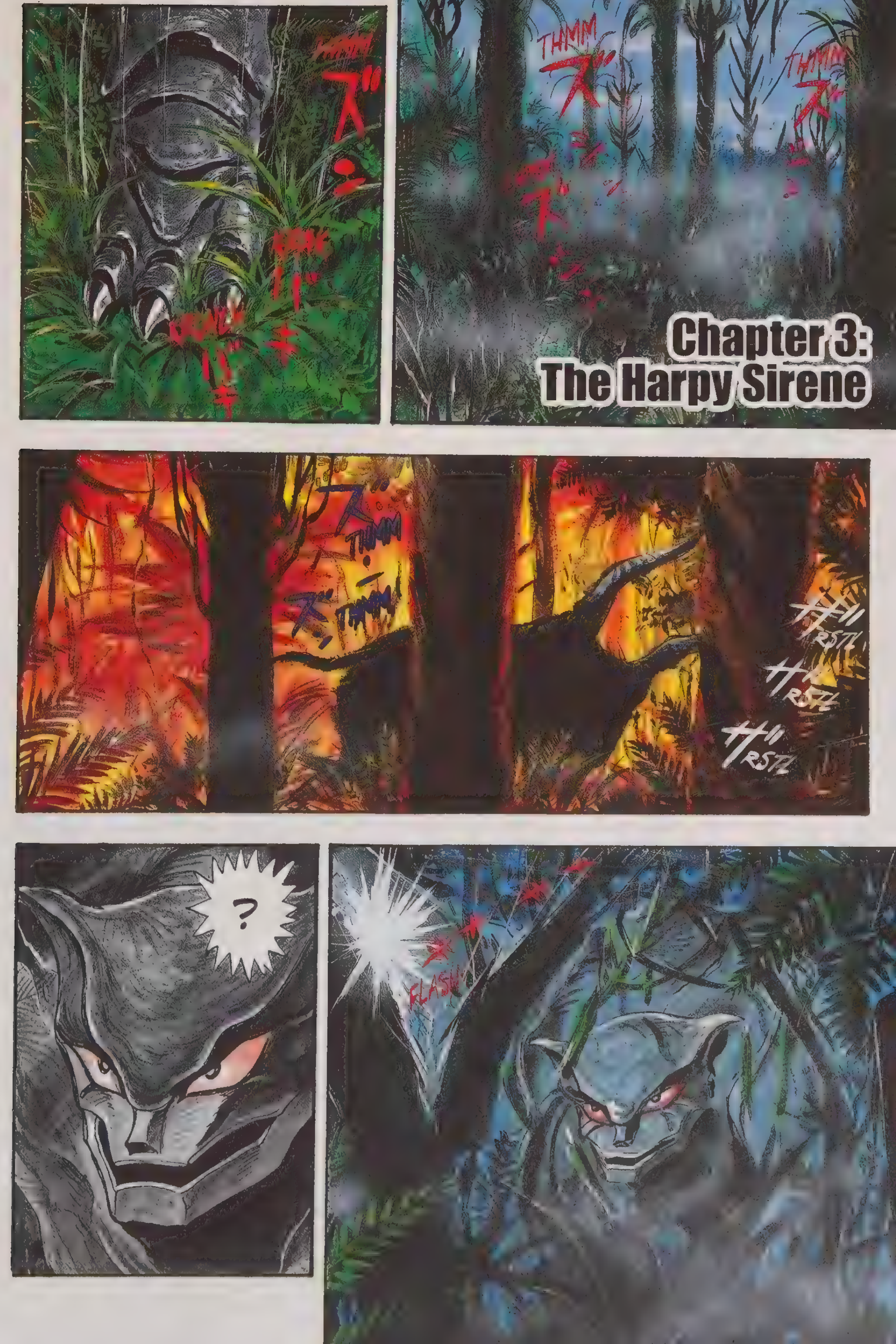
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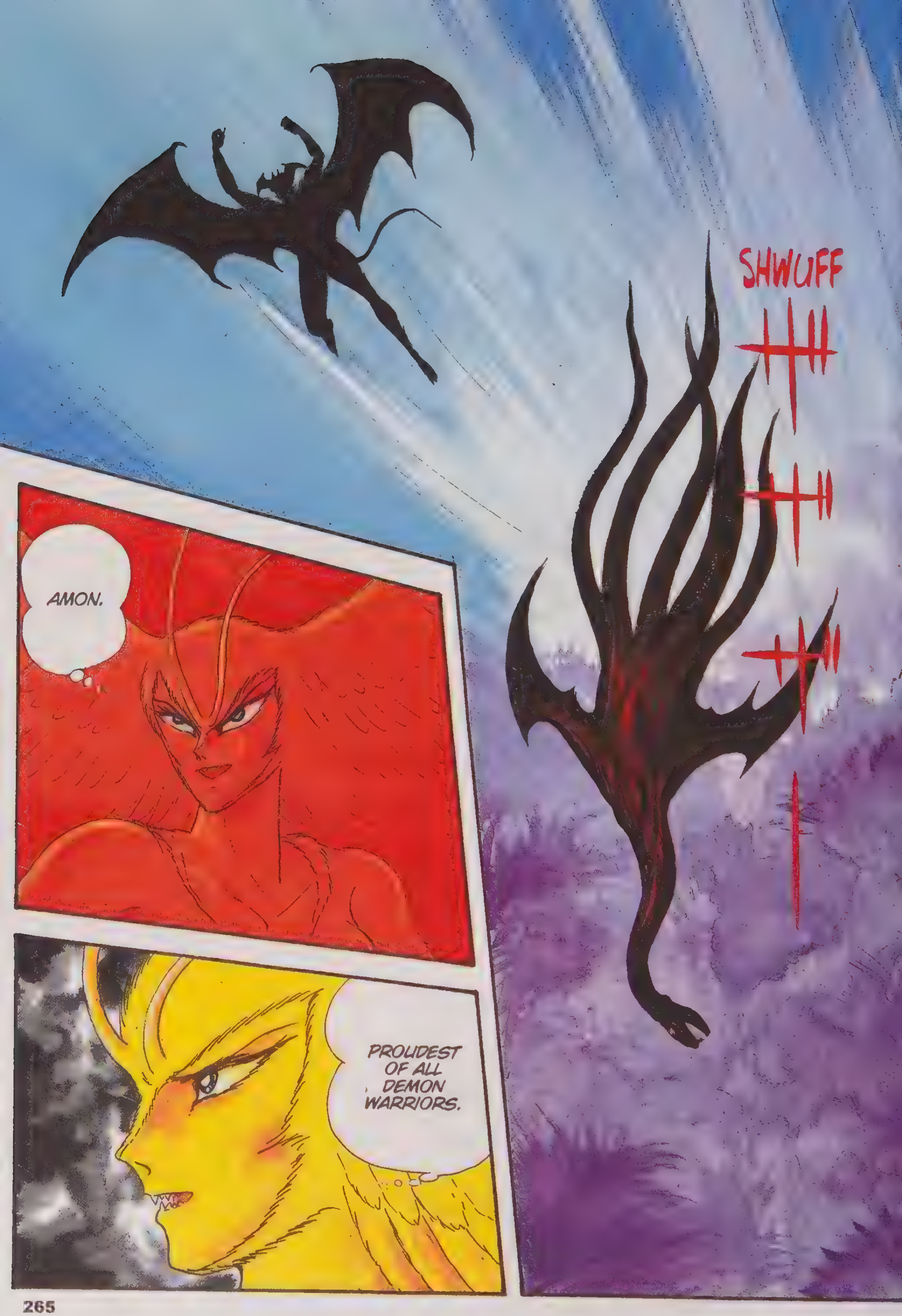
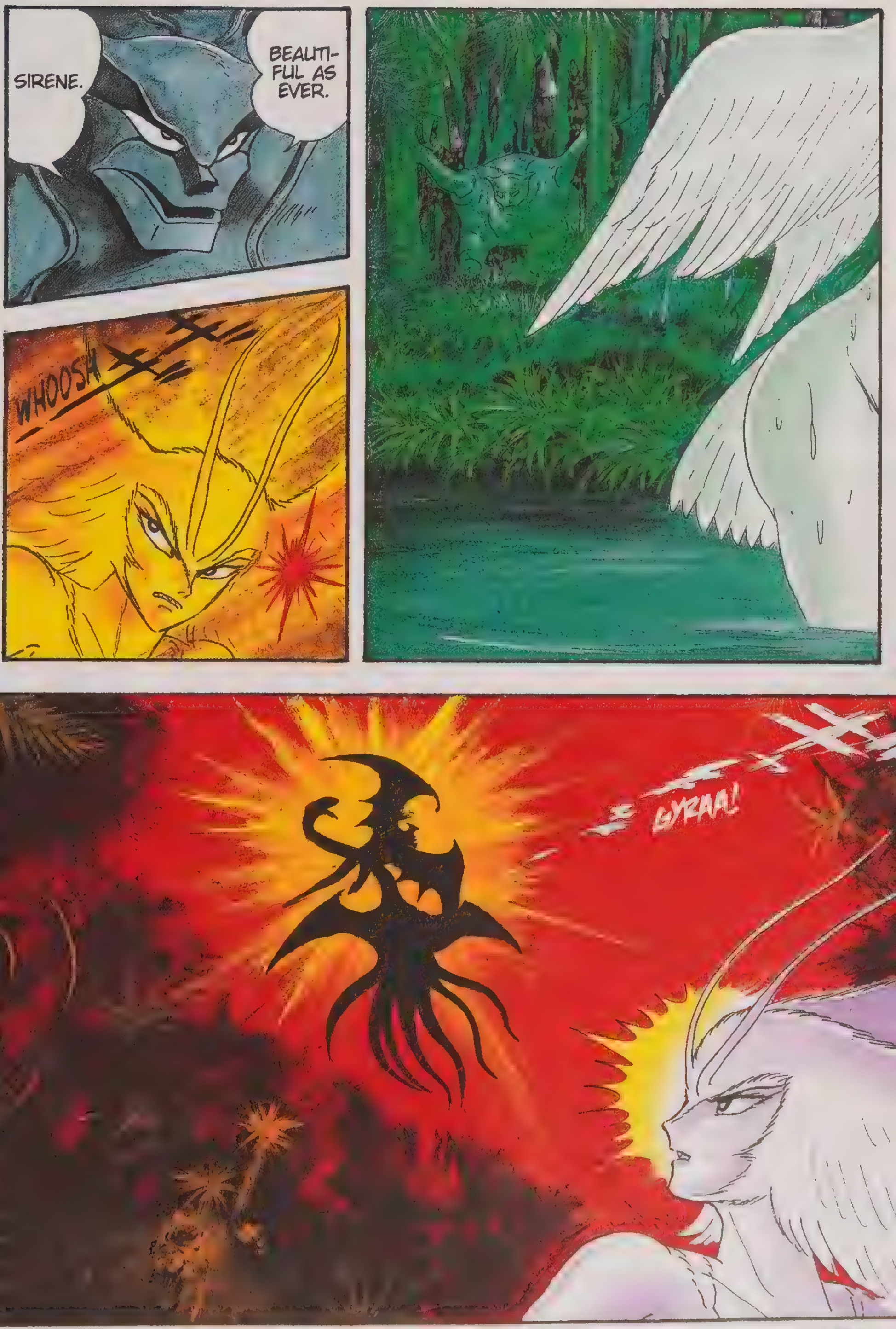
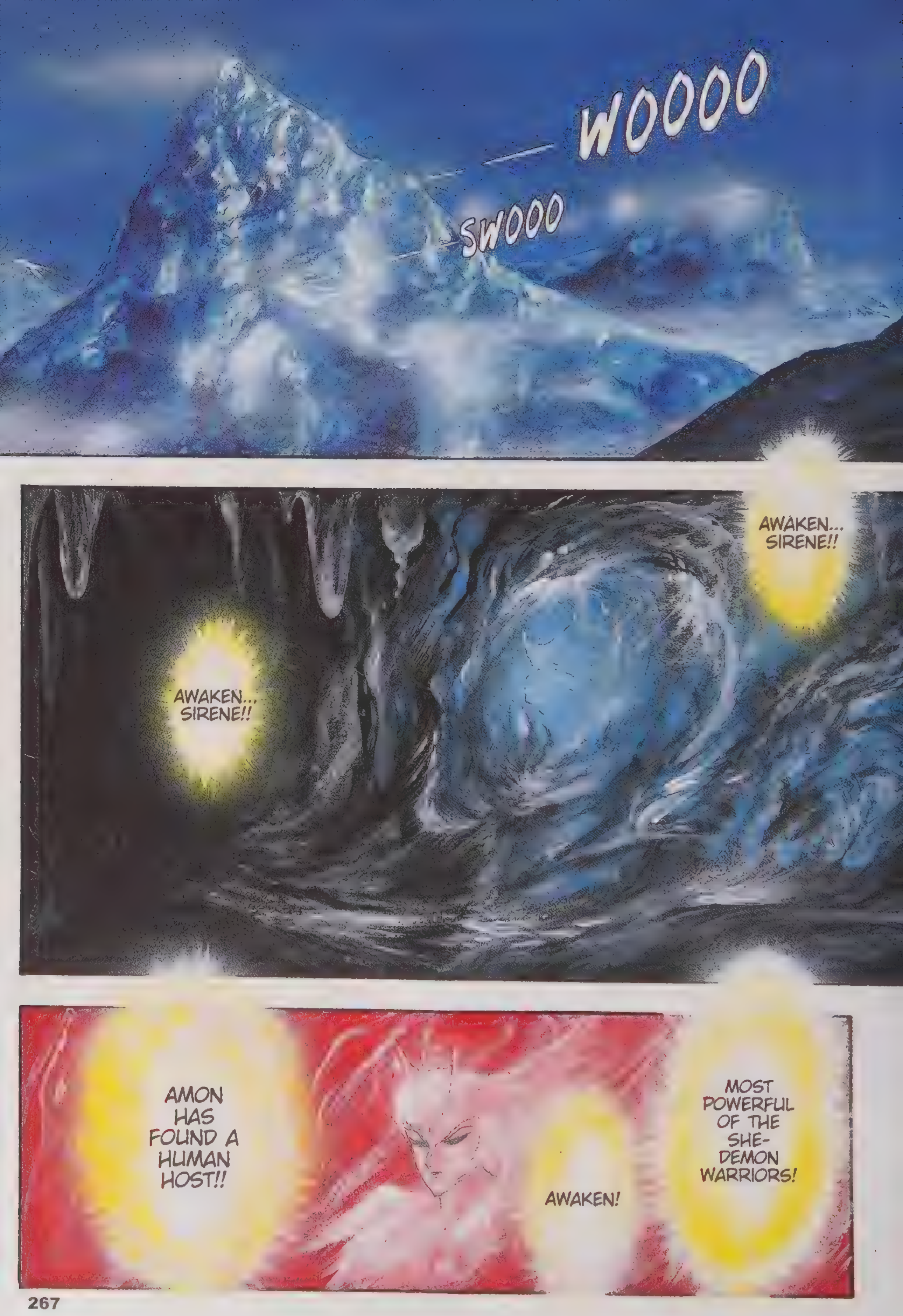
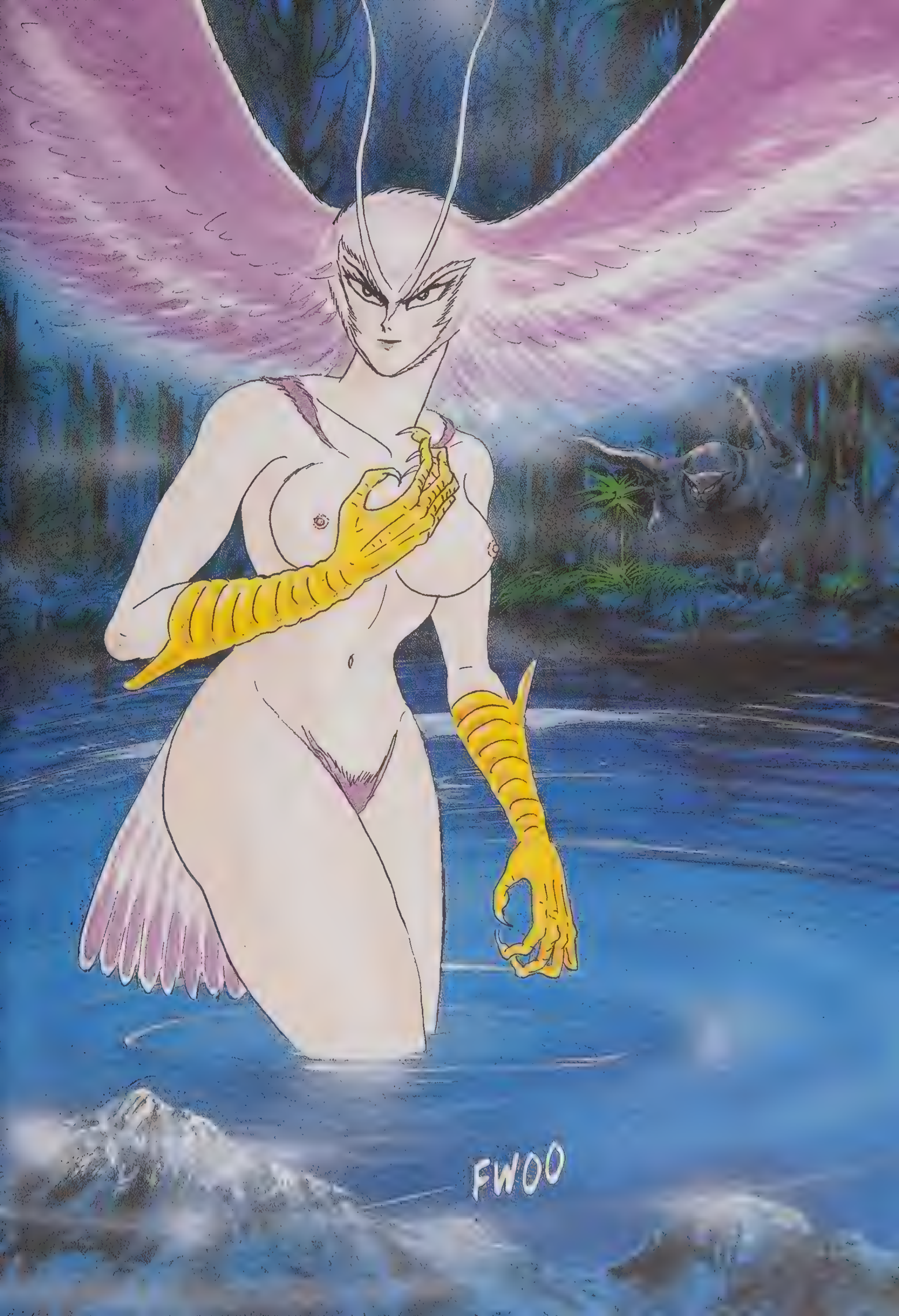
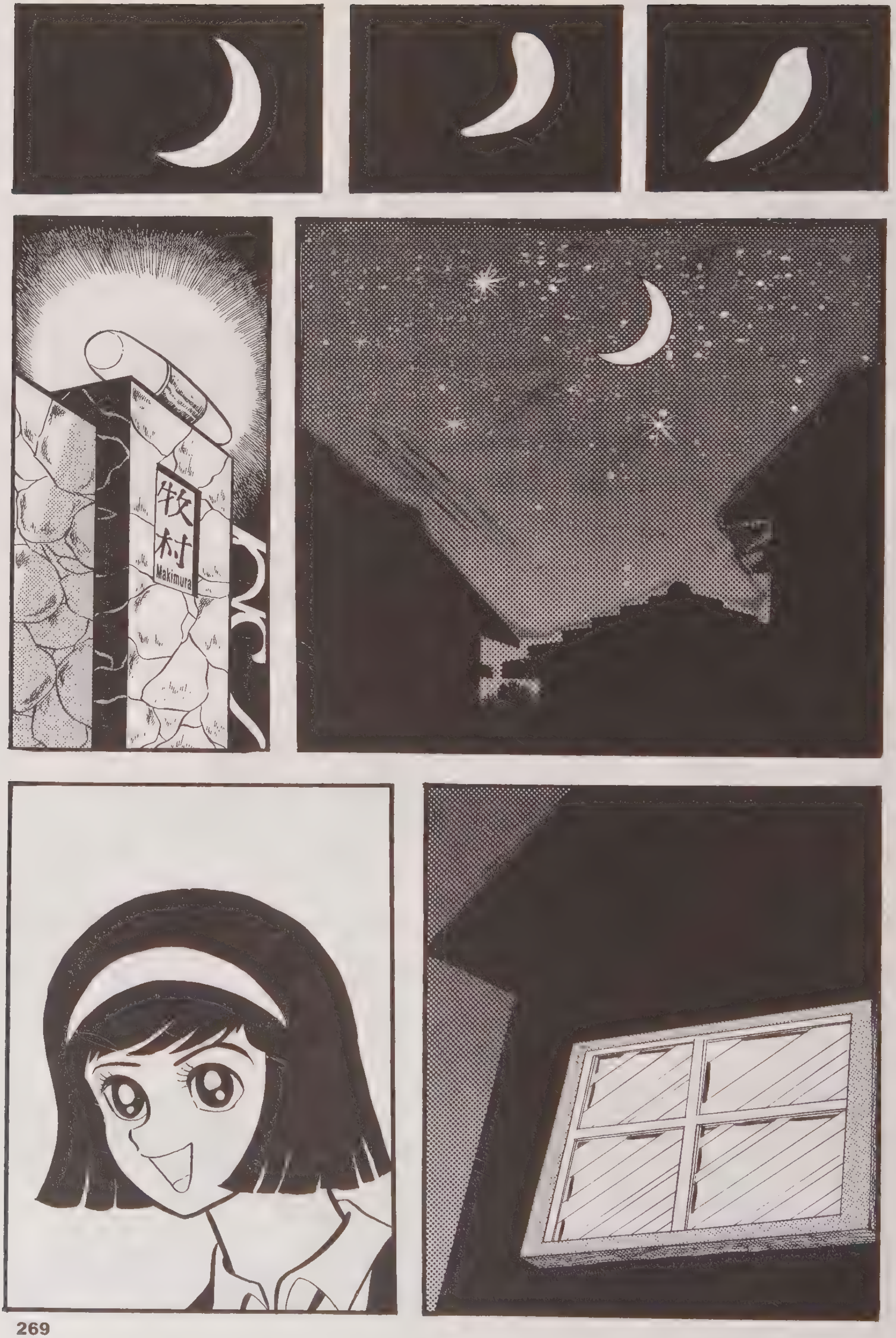
FLASH


SHWUFF
AMON.
PROUDEST OF ALL DEMON WARRIORS.

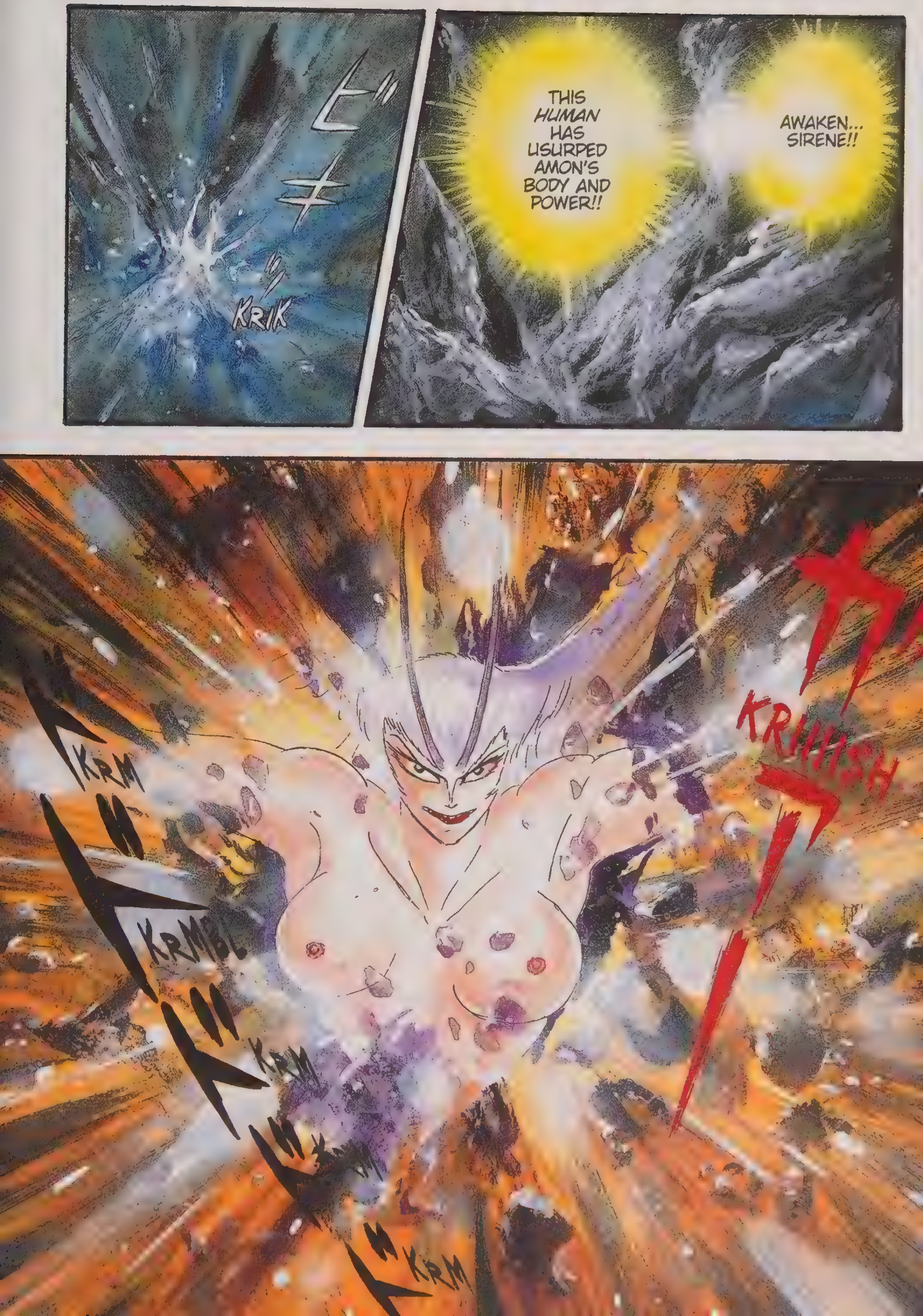

SIRENE.
BEAUTIFUL AS EVER.
WHOOSH
GYRAA!


WOOOO
SWOOO
AWAKEN... SIRENE!!
AWAKEN... SIRENE!!
MOST POWERFUL OF THE SHE-DEMON WARRIORS!
AWAKEN!
AMON HAS FOUND A HUMAN HOST!!


FWOO



牧村
Makimura


AWAKEN... SIRENE!!
THIS HUMAN HAS USURPED AMON'S BODY AND POWER!!
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KRIK
ガッ
KRIIISH
ドドドド
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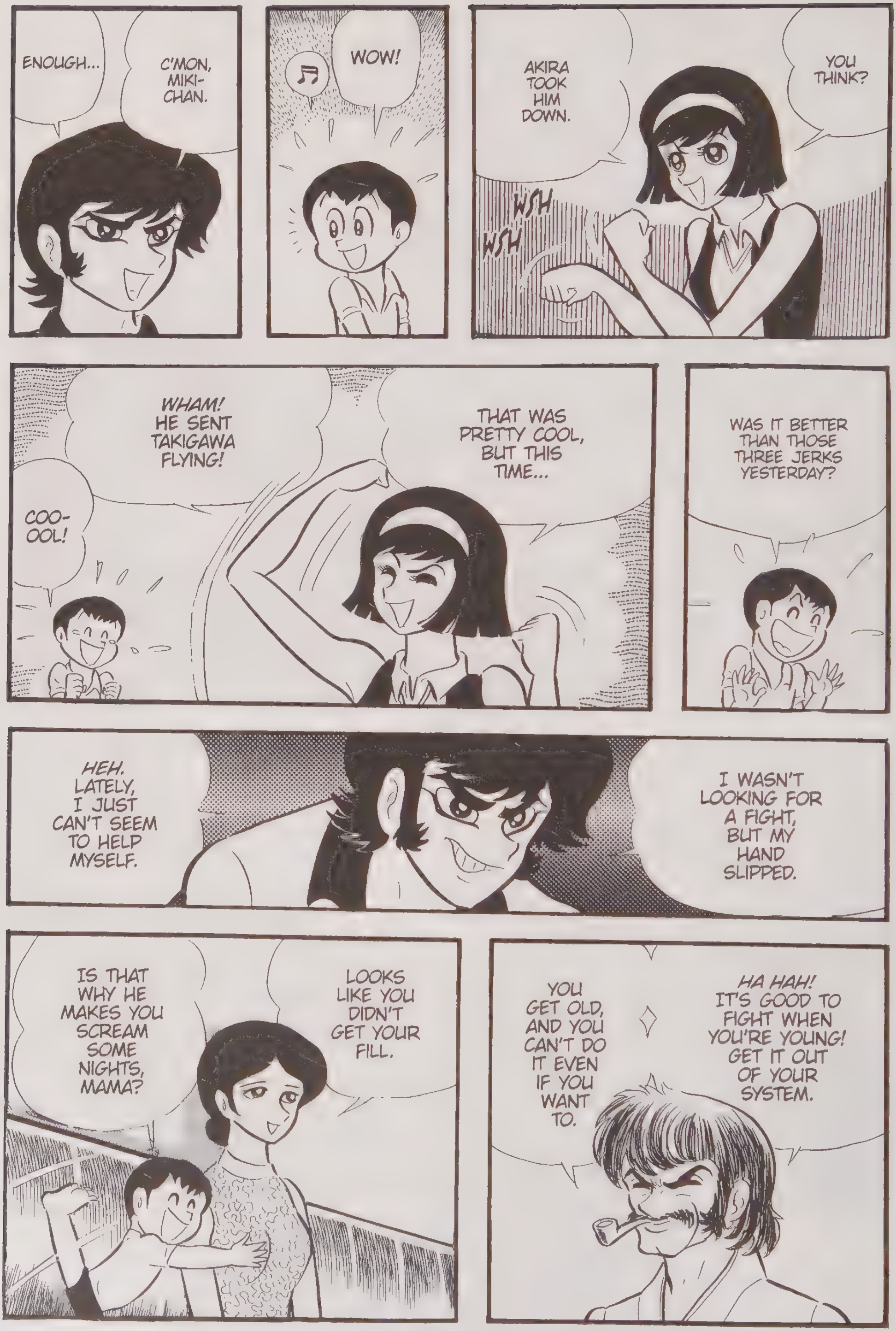
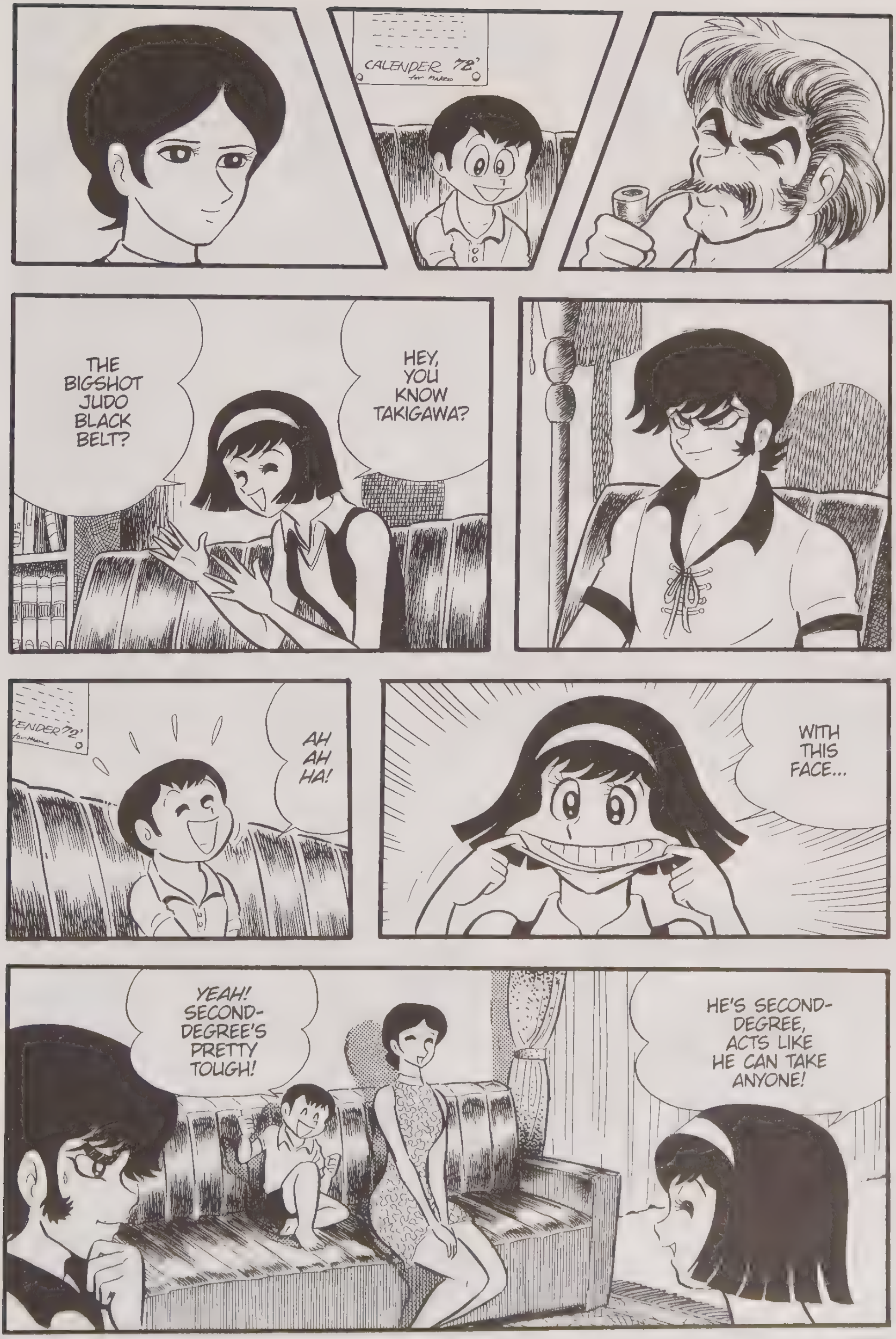
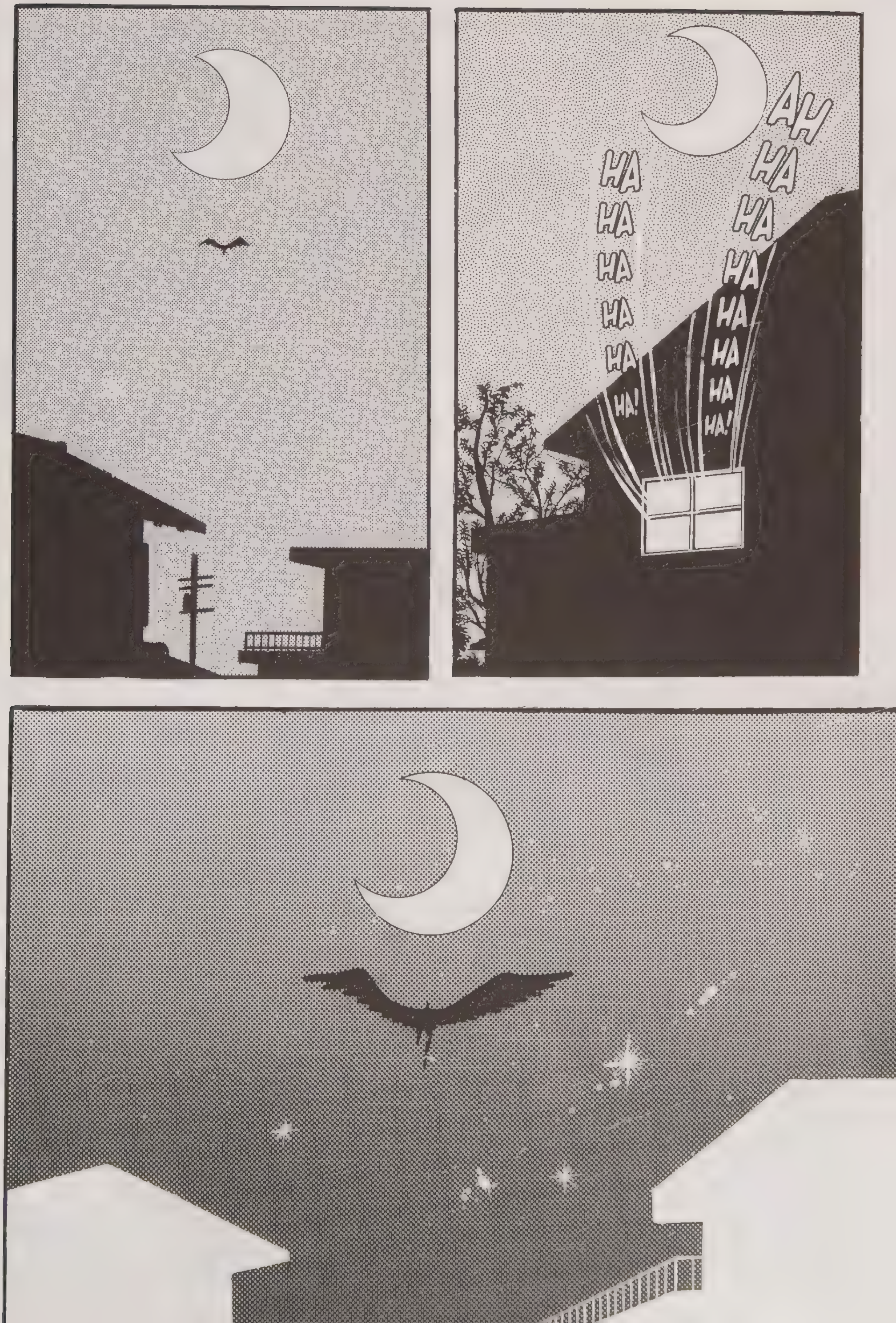
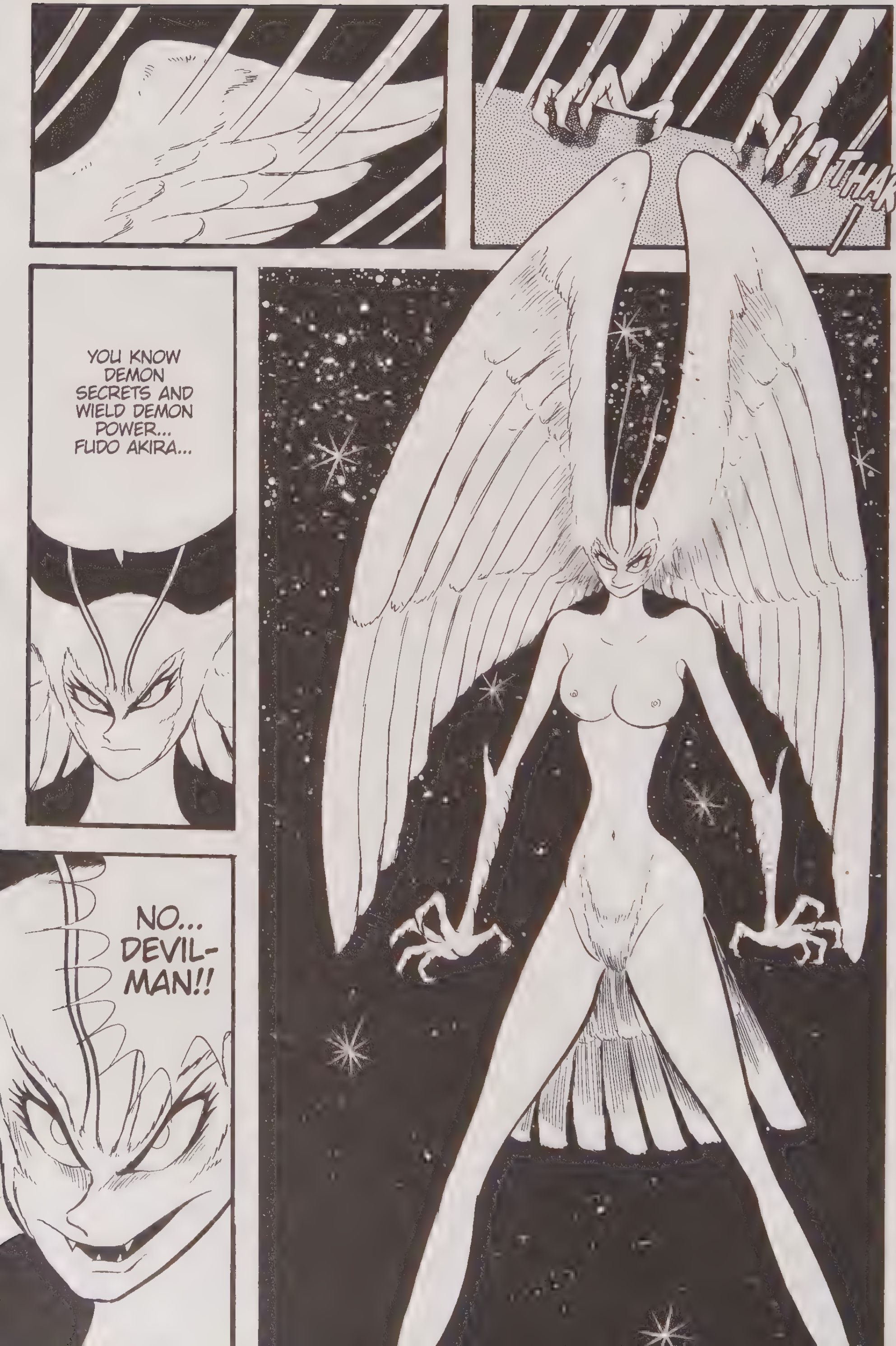
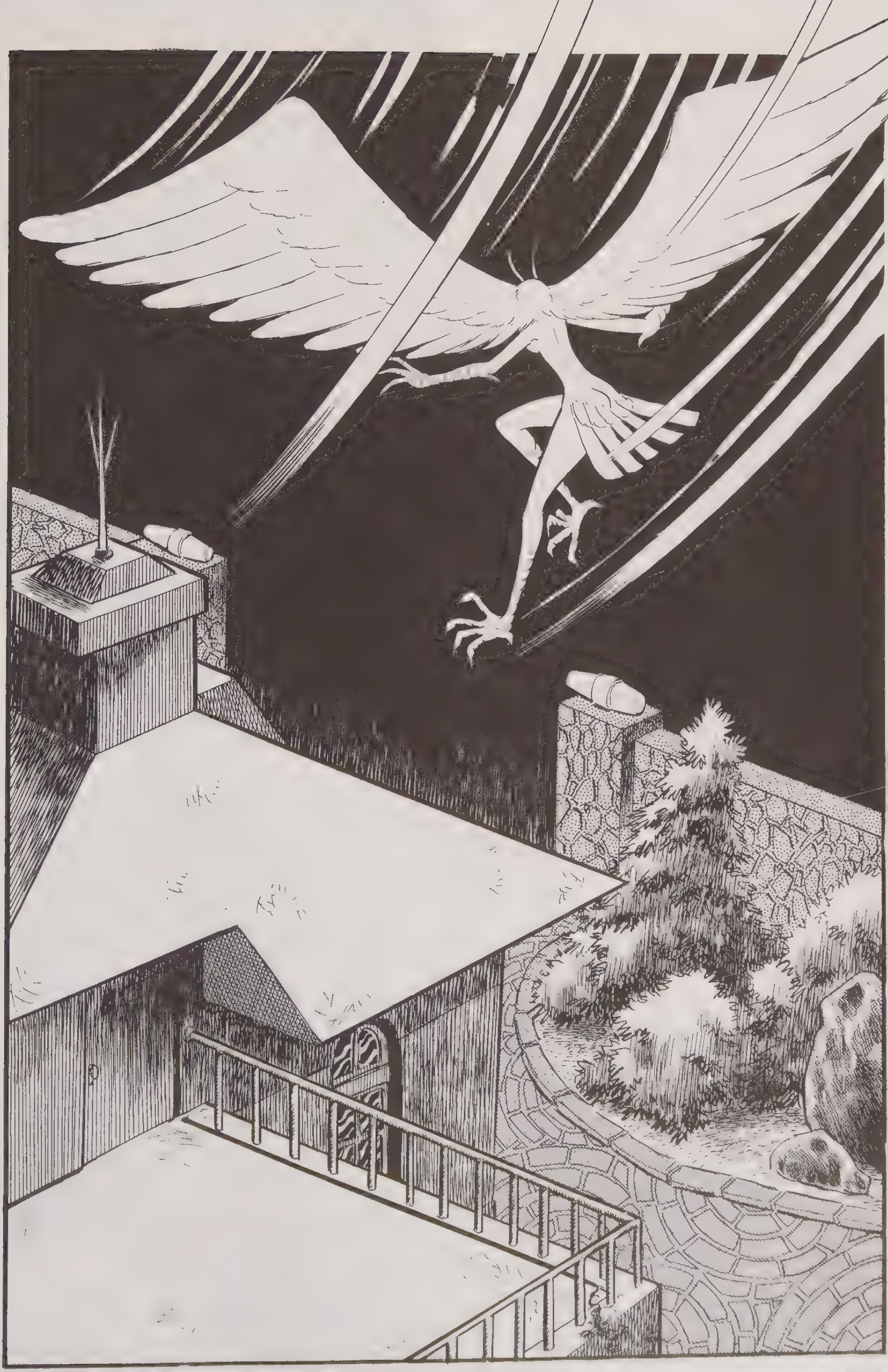
KRM

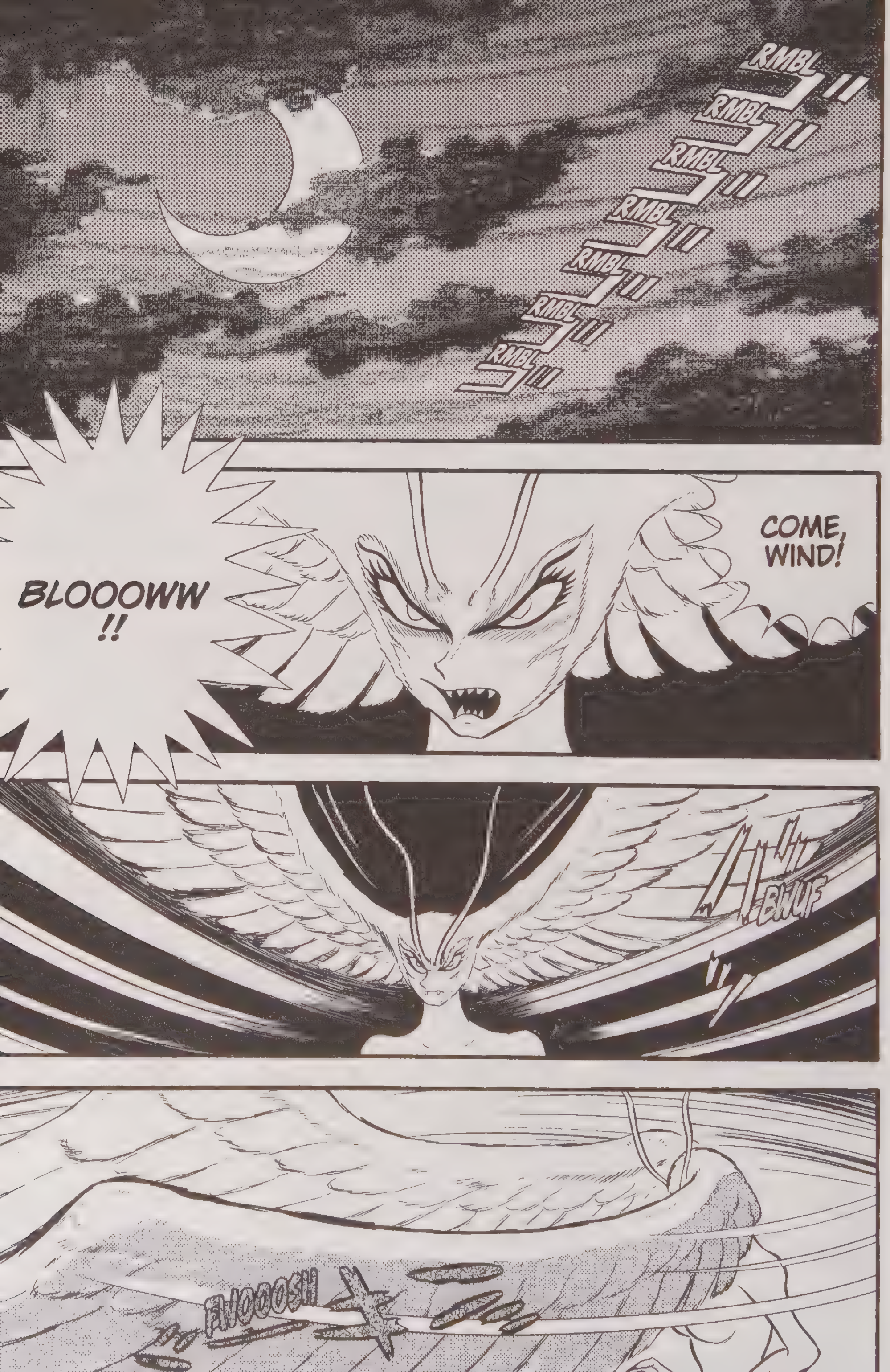

YOU THINK?
AKIRA TOOK HIM DOWN.
WSH WSH
♫
WOW!
C'MON, MIKI-CHAN.
ENOUGH...
WAS IT BETTER THAN THOSE THREE JERKS YESTERDAY?
THAT WAS PRETTY COOL, BUT THIS TIME...
WHAM! HE SENT TAKIGAWA FLYING!
COO-OOL!
I WASN'T LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, BUT MY HAND SLIPPED.
HEH. LATELY, I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO HELP MYSELF.
HA HAH! IT'S GOOD TO FIGHT WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG! GET IT OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM.
YOU GET OLD, AND YOU CAN'T DO IT EVEN IF YOU WANT TO.
LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR FILL.
IS THAT WHY HE MAKES YOU SCREAM SOME NIGHTS, MAMA?


CALENDER 72'
for Makoto
HEY, YOU KNOW TAKIGAWA?
THE BIGSHOT JUDO BLACK BELT?
WITH THIS FACE...
AH AH HA!
CALENDER 72'
HE'S SECOND-DEGREE, ACTS LIKE HE CAN TAKE ANYONE!
YEAH! SECOND-DEGREE'S PRETTY TOUGH!


AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA HA HA!


THAK
YOU KNOW DEMON SECRETS AND WIELD DEMON POWER... FUDO AKIRA...
NO... DEVILMAN!!

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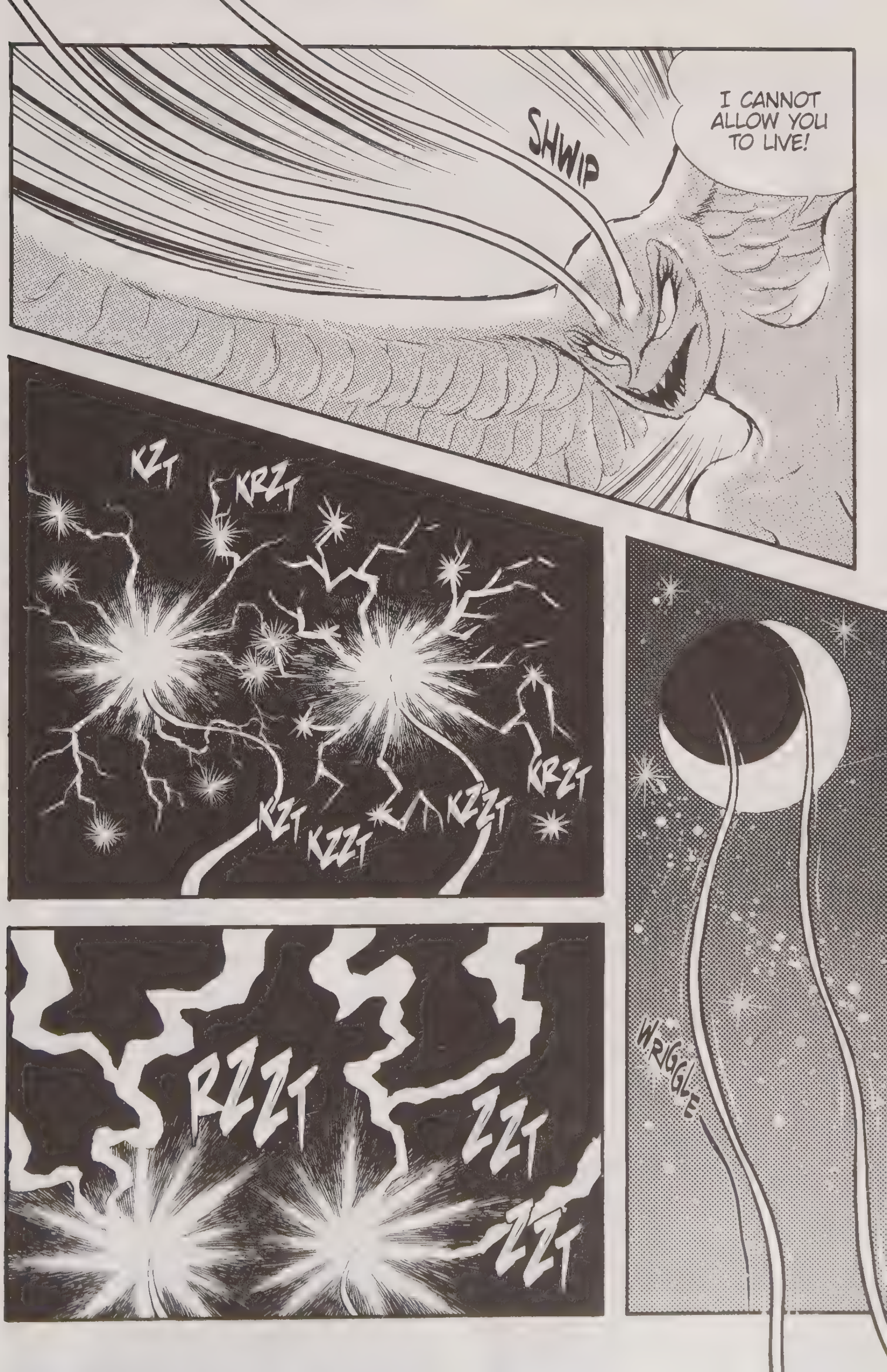
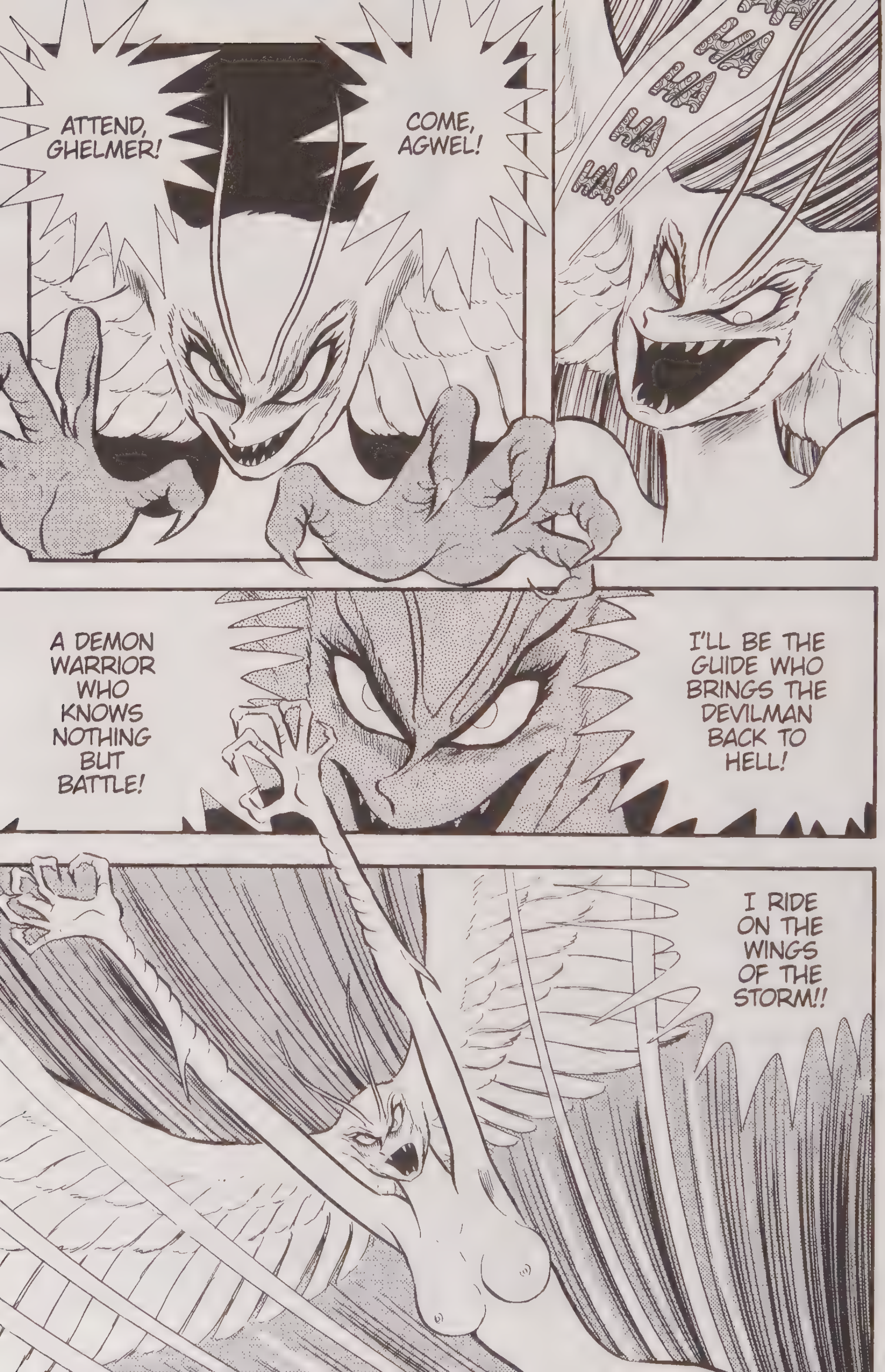
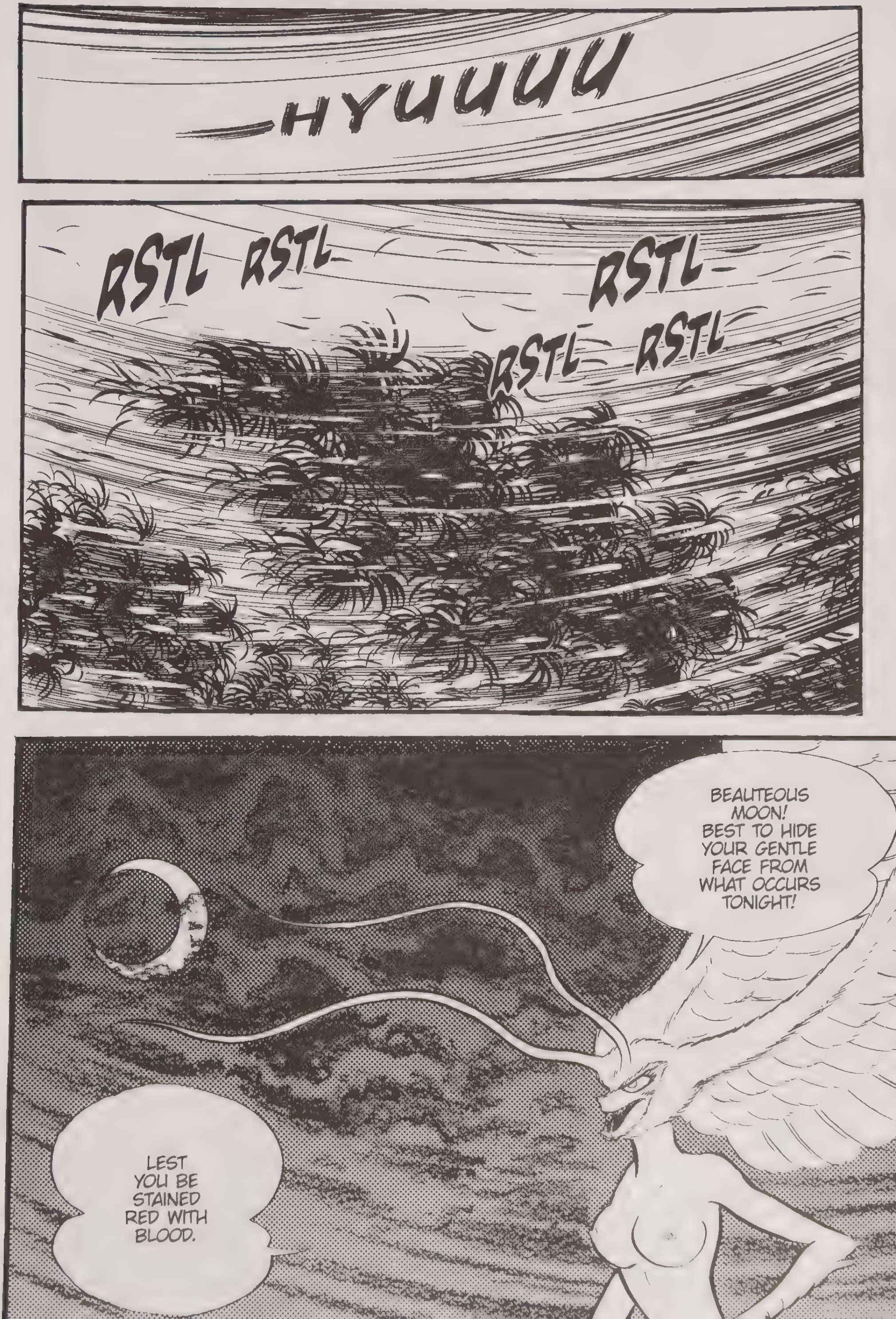
COME, WIND!
BLOOOWW !!
BWUF
FWOOOSH


I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO LIVE!
SHWIP
KZT
KRZT
KRZT
KZT
KZZT
KZZT
WRIGGLE
RZZT
ZZT
ZZT


HA HA HA HA HA!
COME, AGWEL!
ATTEND, GHELMER!
I'LL BE THE GUIDE WHO BRINGS THE DEVILMAN BACK TO HELL!
A DEMON WARRIOR WHO KNOWS NOTHING BUT BATTLE!
I RIDE ON THE WINGS OF THE STORM!!


HYUUUUU
RSTL
RSTL
RSTL
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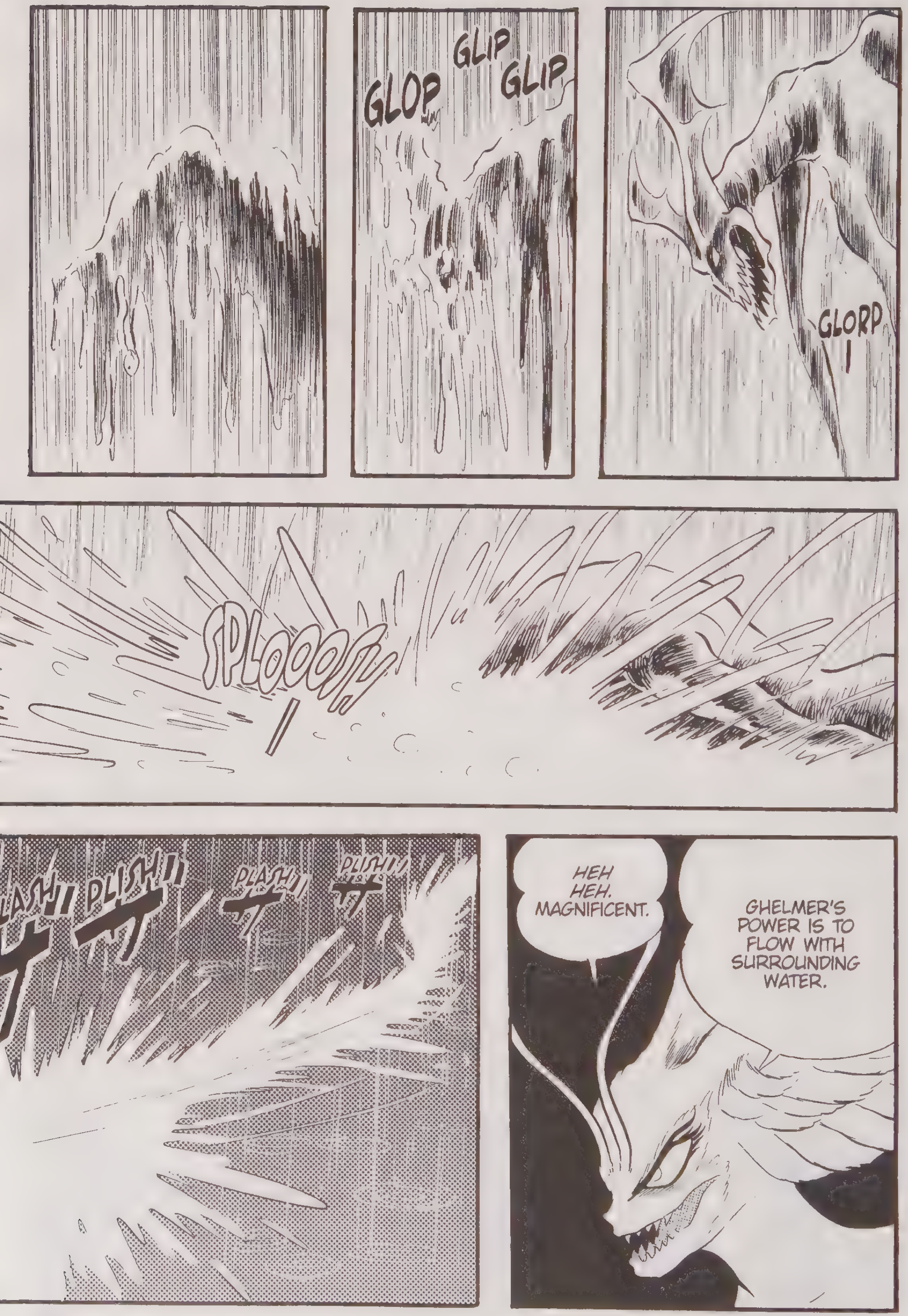
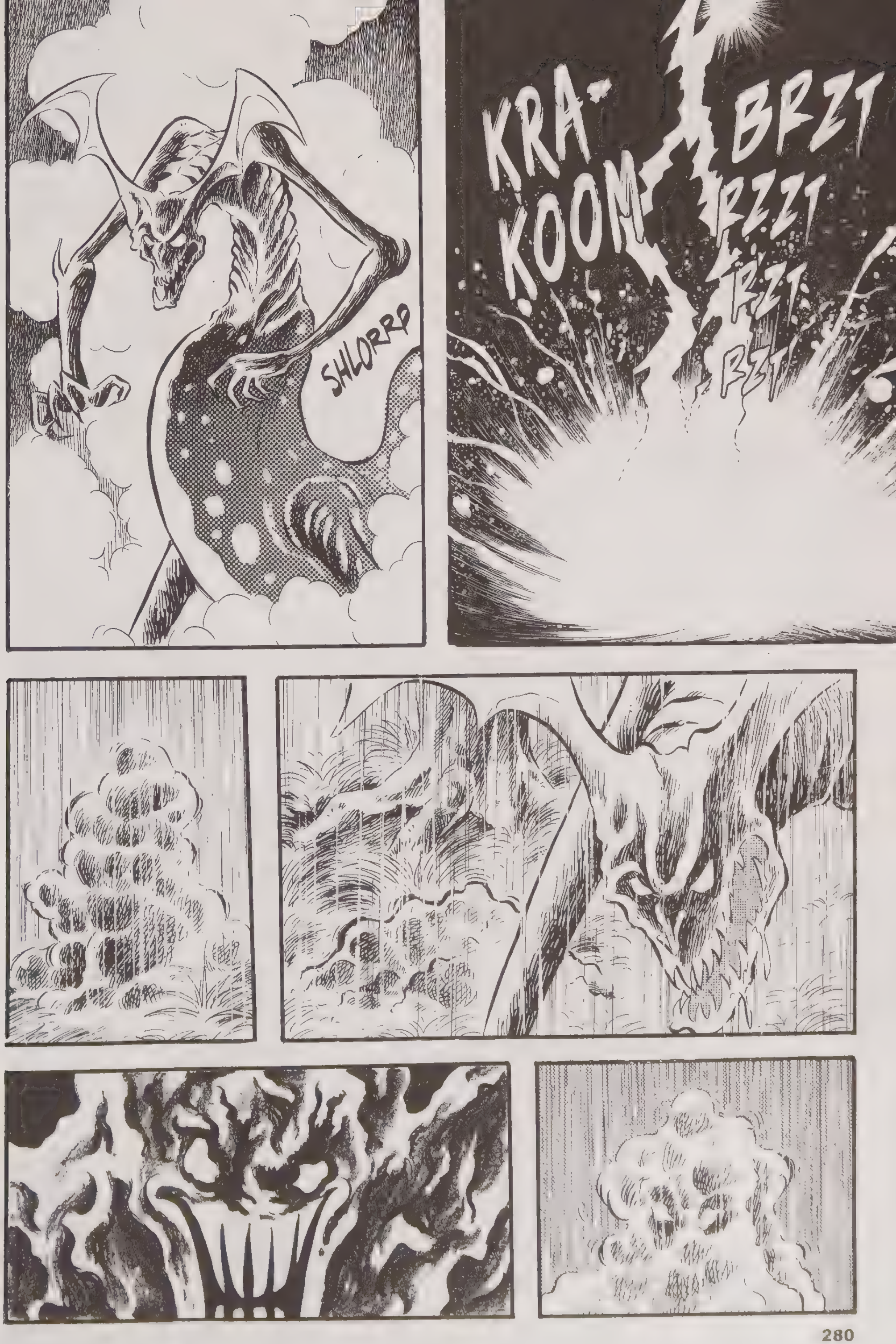
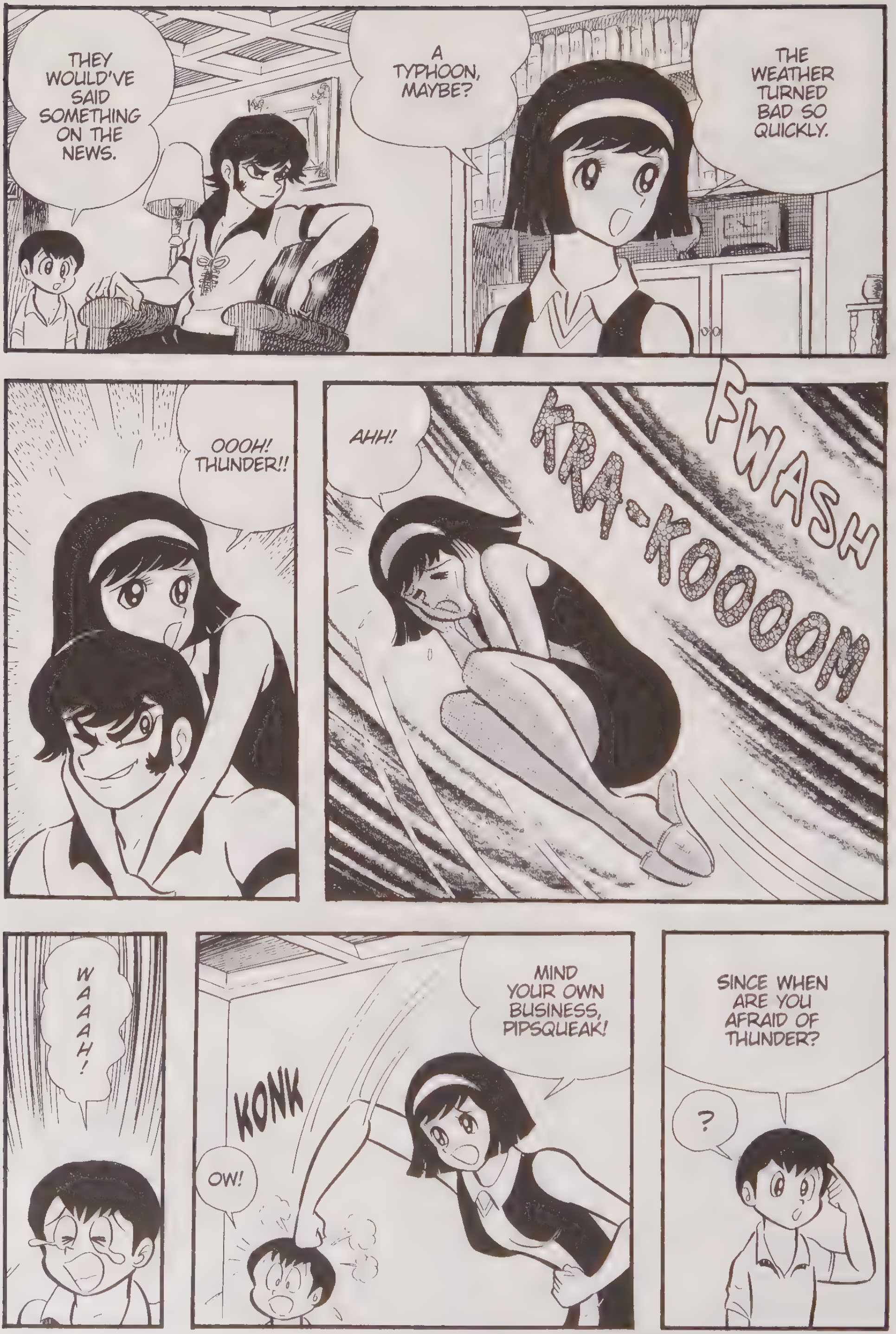
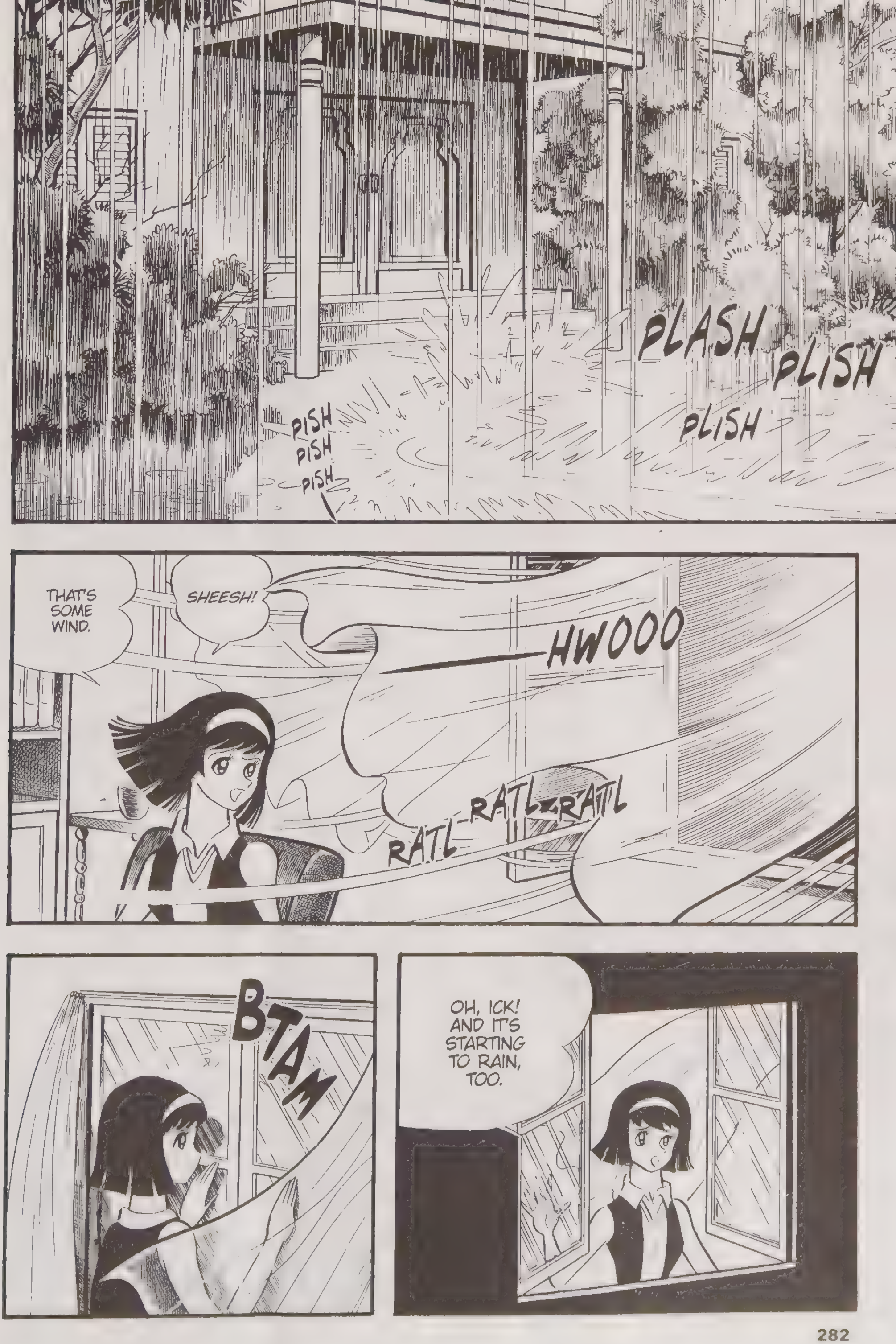
RSTL
BEAUTEOUS MOON! BEST TO HIDE YOUR GENTLE FACE FROM WHAT OCCURS TONIGHT!
LEST YOU BE STAINED RED WITH BLOOD.


GLORP
GLIP
GLIP
GLOP
SPLOOOSH
HEH HEH. MAGNIFICENT.
GHELMER'S POWER IS TO FLOW WITH SURROUNDING WATER.
PLISH!!
PLASH!!
PLISH!!
ASH!!


SHLORRP
KRA-KOOM
BRZZT
BZZZT
BZZT
BZZT


THE WEATHER TURNED BAD SO QUICKLY.
A TYPHOON, MAYBE?
THEY WOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING ON THE NEWS.
FWASH
KRA-KOOOOM
AHH!
OOOH! THUNDER!!
SINCE WHEN ARE YOU AFRAID OF THUNDER?
?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, PIPSQUEAK!
KONK
OW!
WAAAH!


PLASH
PLISH
PLISH
PISH
PISH
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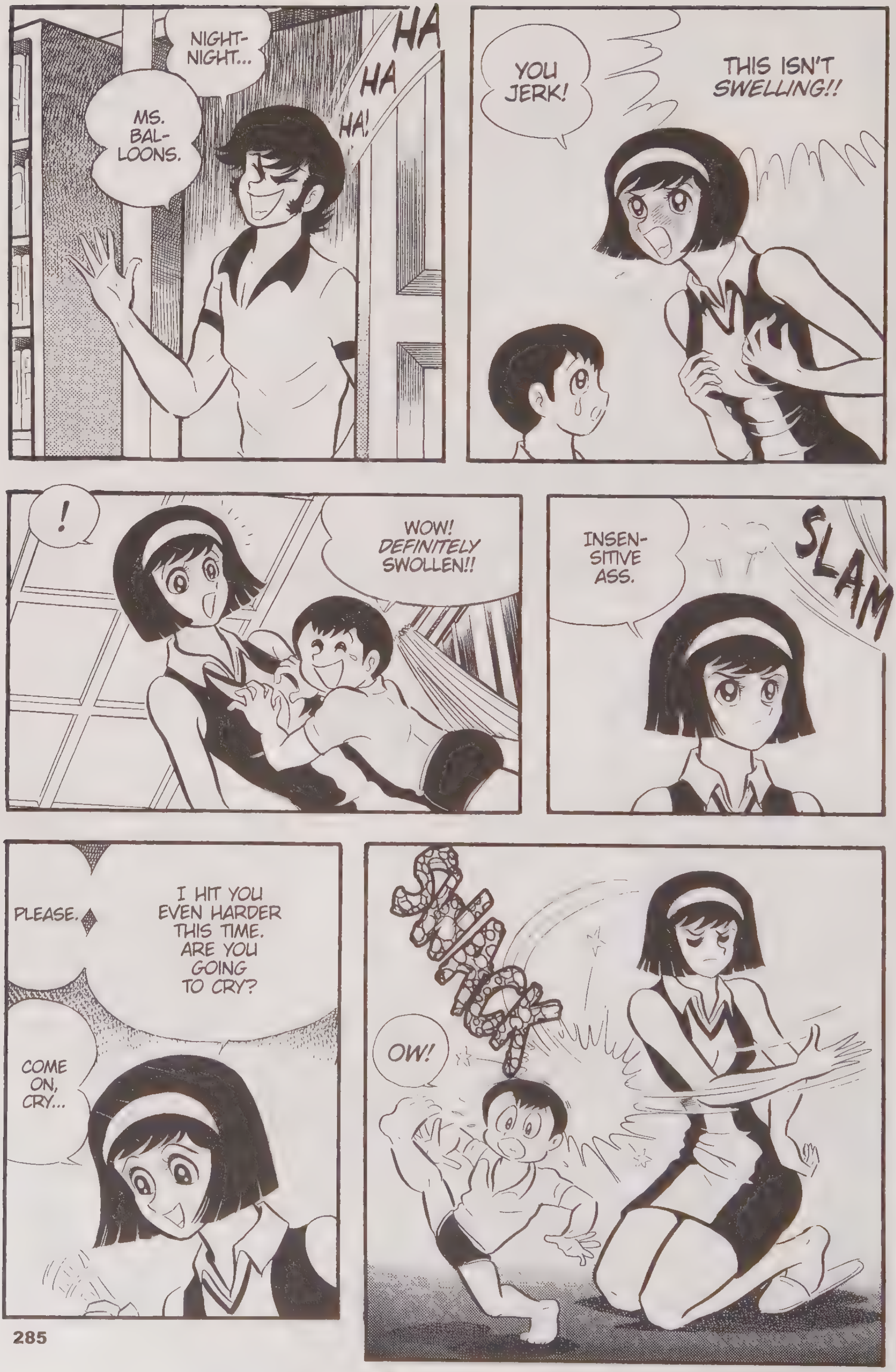
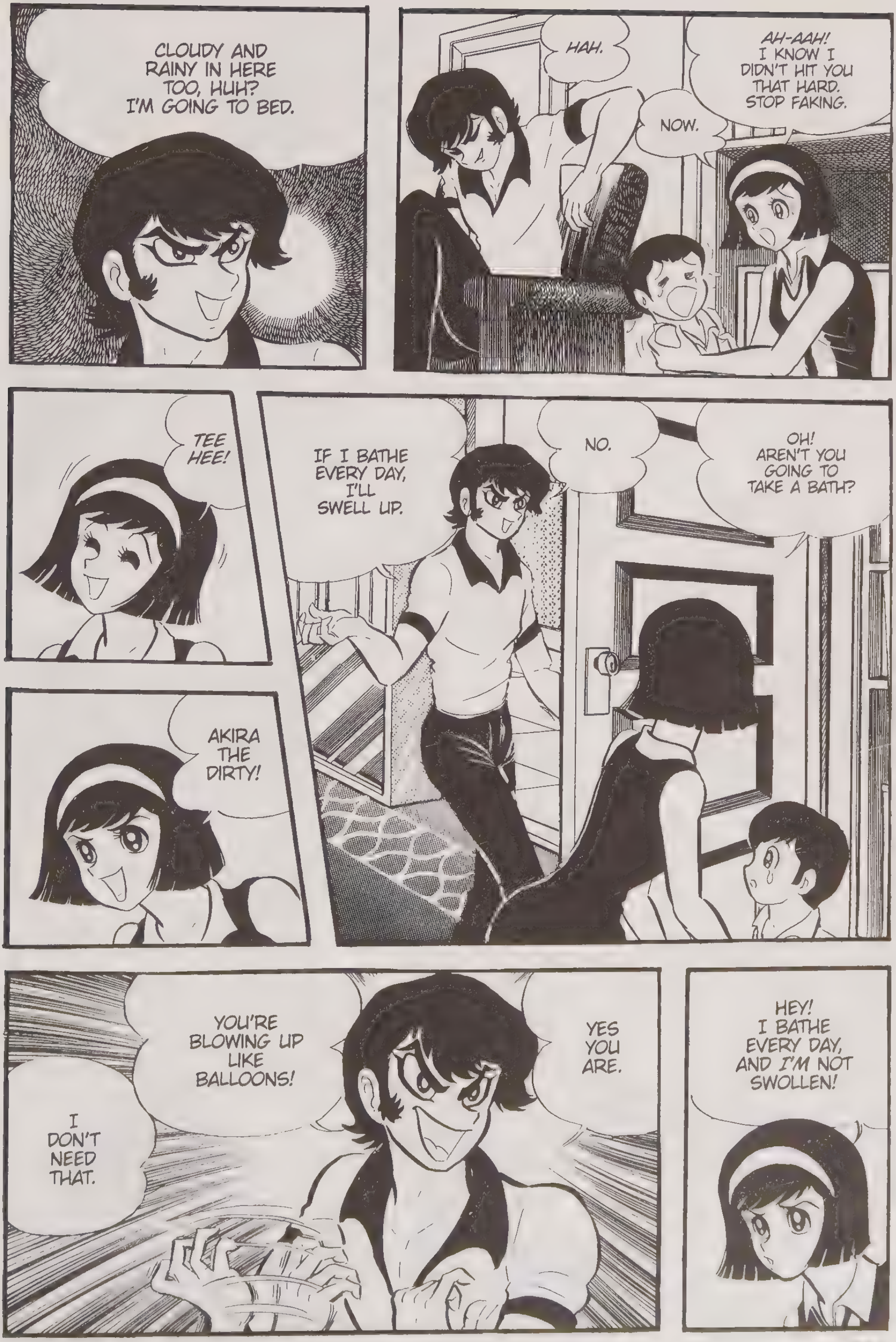
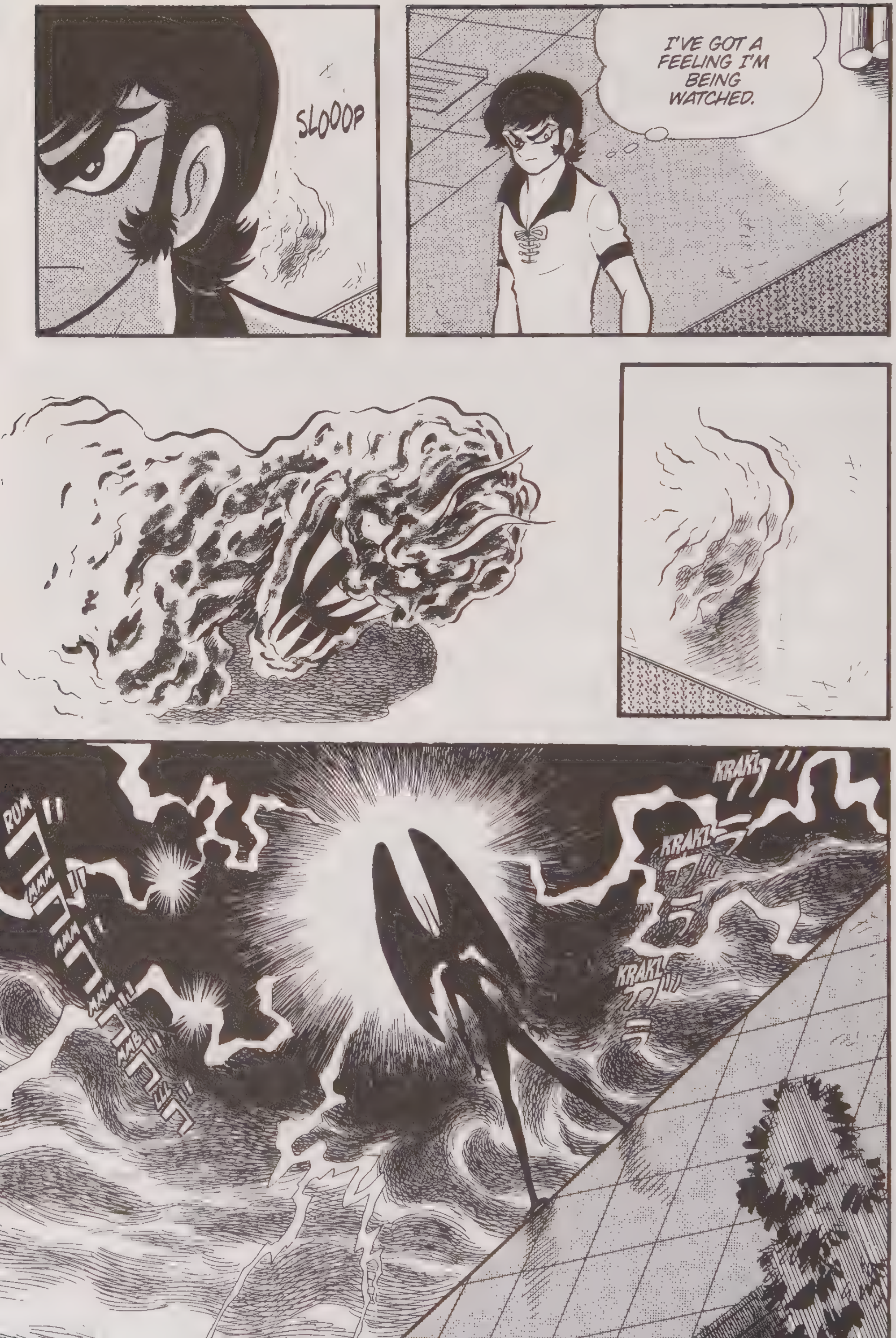
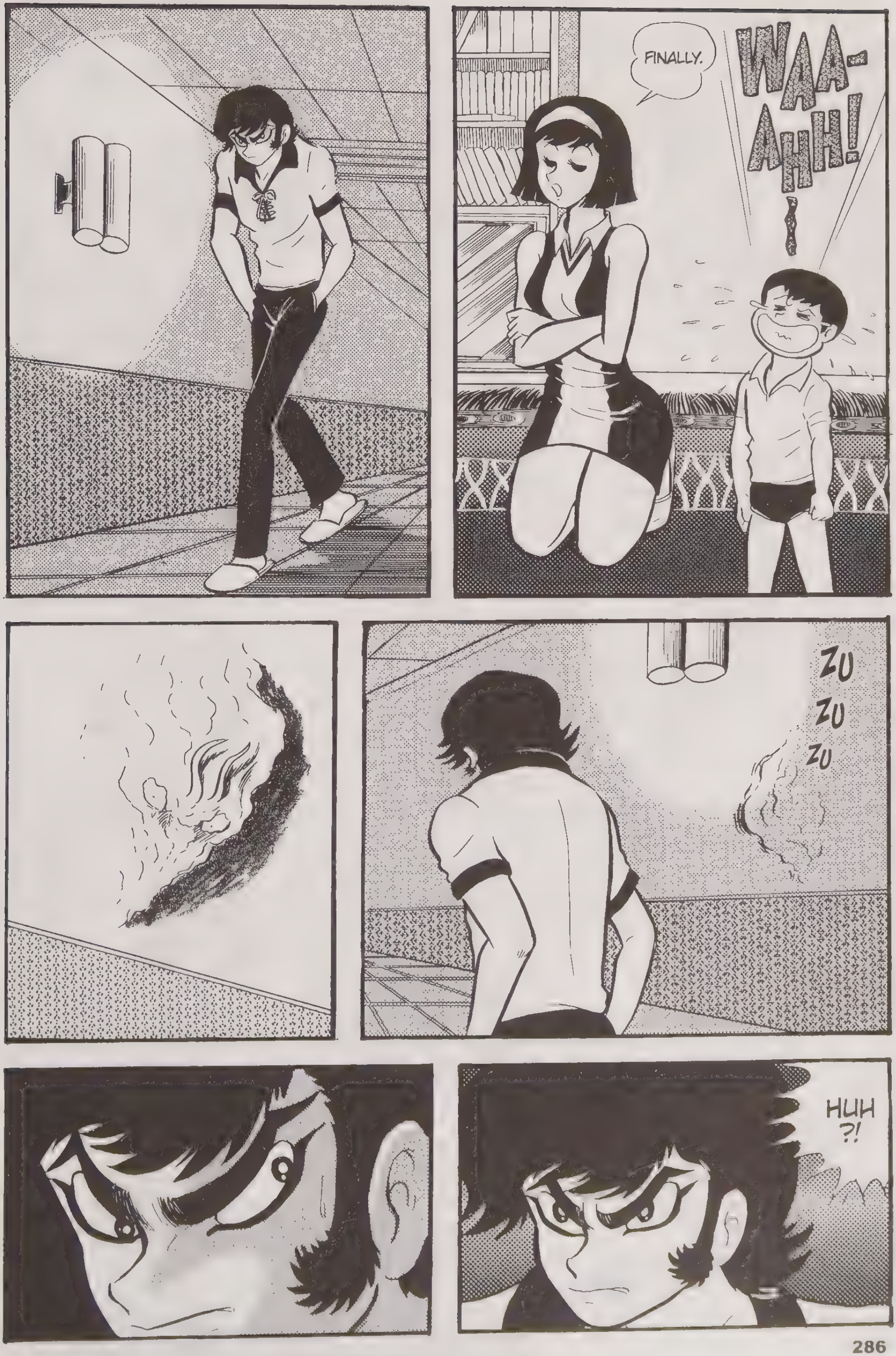
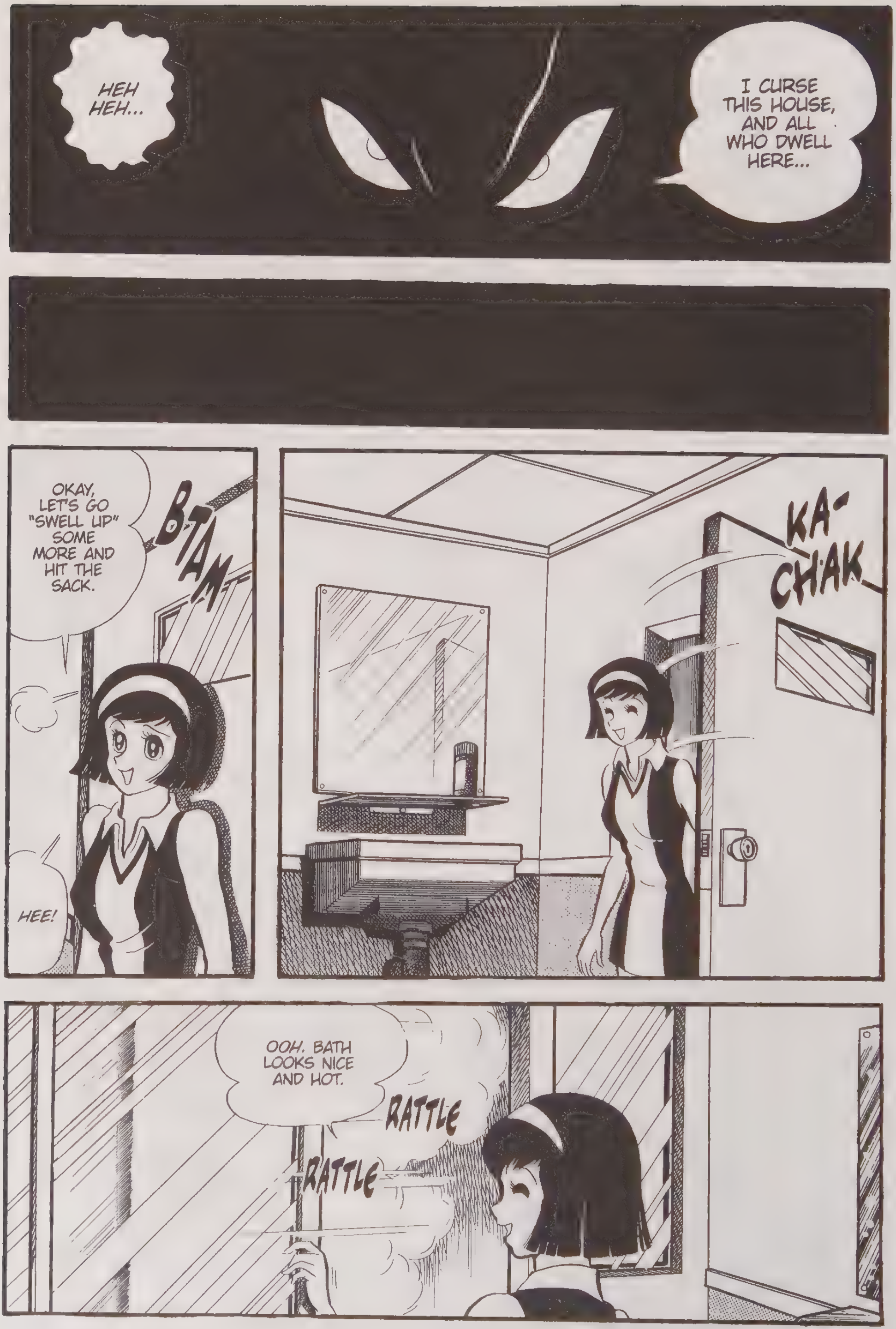
HWOOO
SHEESH!
THAT'S SOME WIND.
RATL RATL RATL
OH, ICK! AND IT'S STARTING TO RAIN, TOO.
BTAM

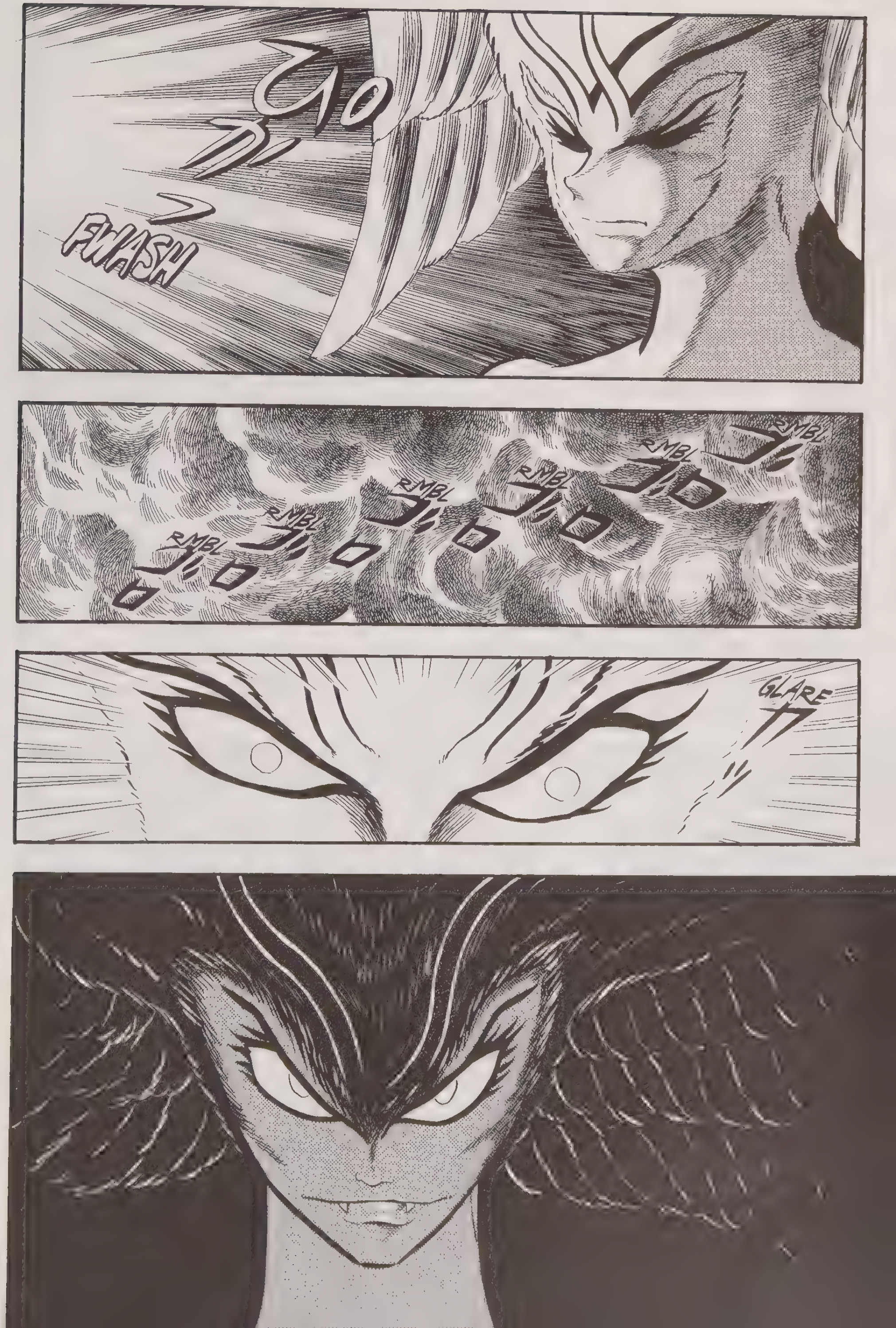

THIS ISN'T SWELLING!!
YOU JERK!
HA HA HA!
NIGHT-NIGHT...
MS. BALLOONS.
SLAM
INSENSITIVE ASS.
WOW! DEFINITELY SWOLLEN!!
!
SMACK
OW!
I HIT YOU EVEN HARDER THIS TIME. ARE YOU GOING TO CRY?
PLEASE. ♦
COME ON, CRY...


AH-AAH!
I KNOW I DIDN'T HIT YOU THAT HARD. STOP FAKING.
NOW.
HAH.
CLOUDY AND RAINY IN HERE TOO, HUH? I'M GOING TO BED.
OH! AREN'T YOU GOING TO TAKE A BATH?
NO.
IF I BATHE EVERY DAY, I'LL SWELL UP.
TEE HEE!
AKIRA THE DIRTY!
HEY! I BATHE EVERY DAY, AND *I'M* NOT SWOLLEN!
YES YOU ARE.
YOU'RE BLOWING UP LIKE BALLOONS!
I DON'T NEED THAT.


I'VE GOT A FEELING I'M BEING WATCHED.
SLOOOP
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
RUMMMMMMMMMMMMB


FINALLY.
WAA-AHH!
ZU
ZU
ZU
HUH?!


HEH HEH...
I CURSE THIS HOUSE, AND ALL WHO DWELL HERE...
OKAY, LET'S GO "SWELL UP" SOME MORE AND HIT THE SACK.
BTAM
HEE!
KA-CHAK
OOH. BATH LOOKS NICE AND HOT.
RATTLE
RATTLE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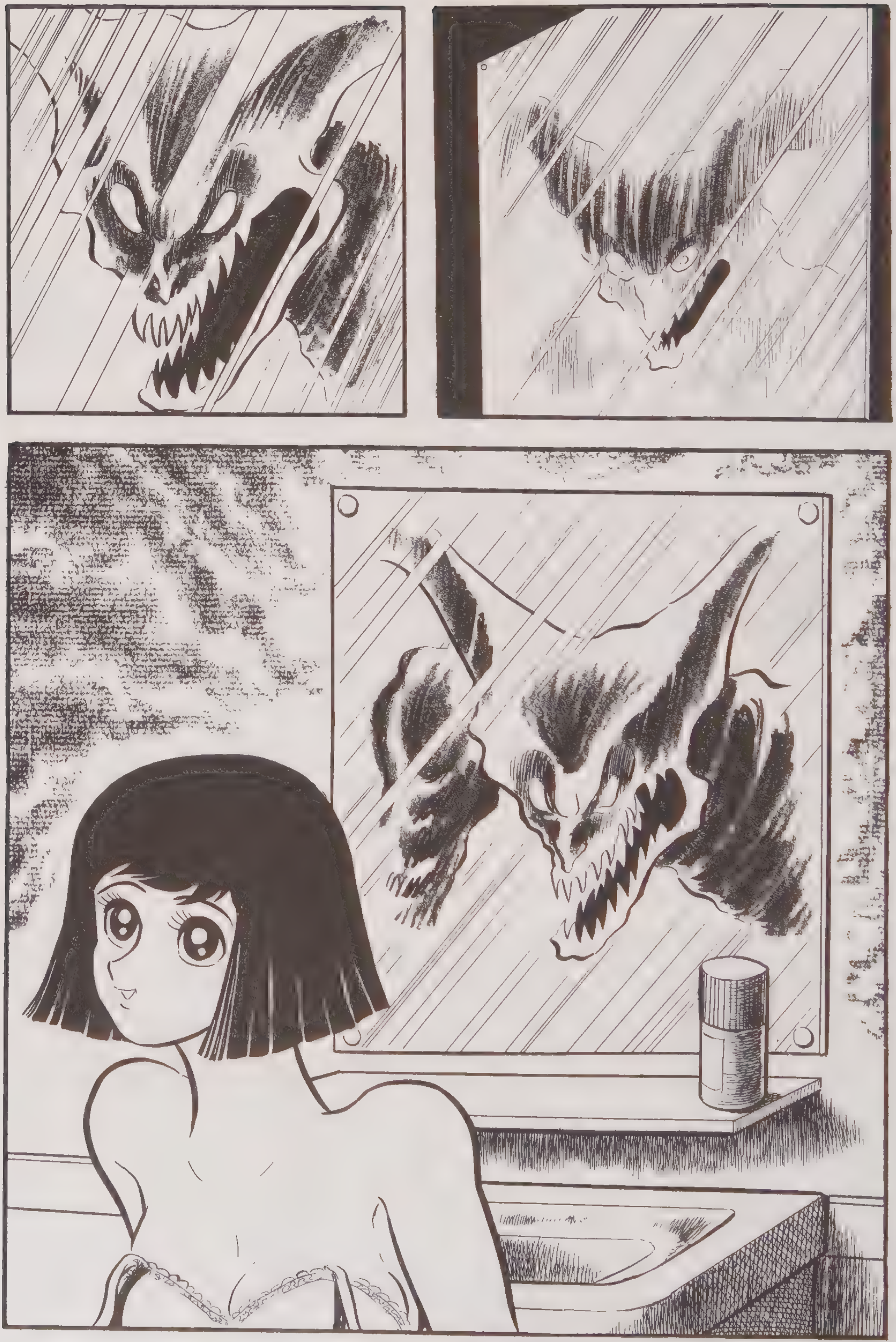

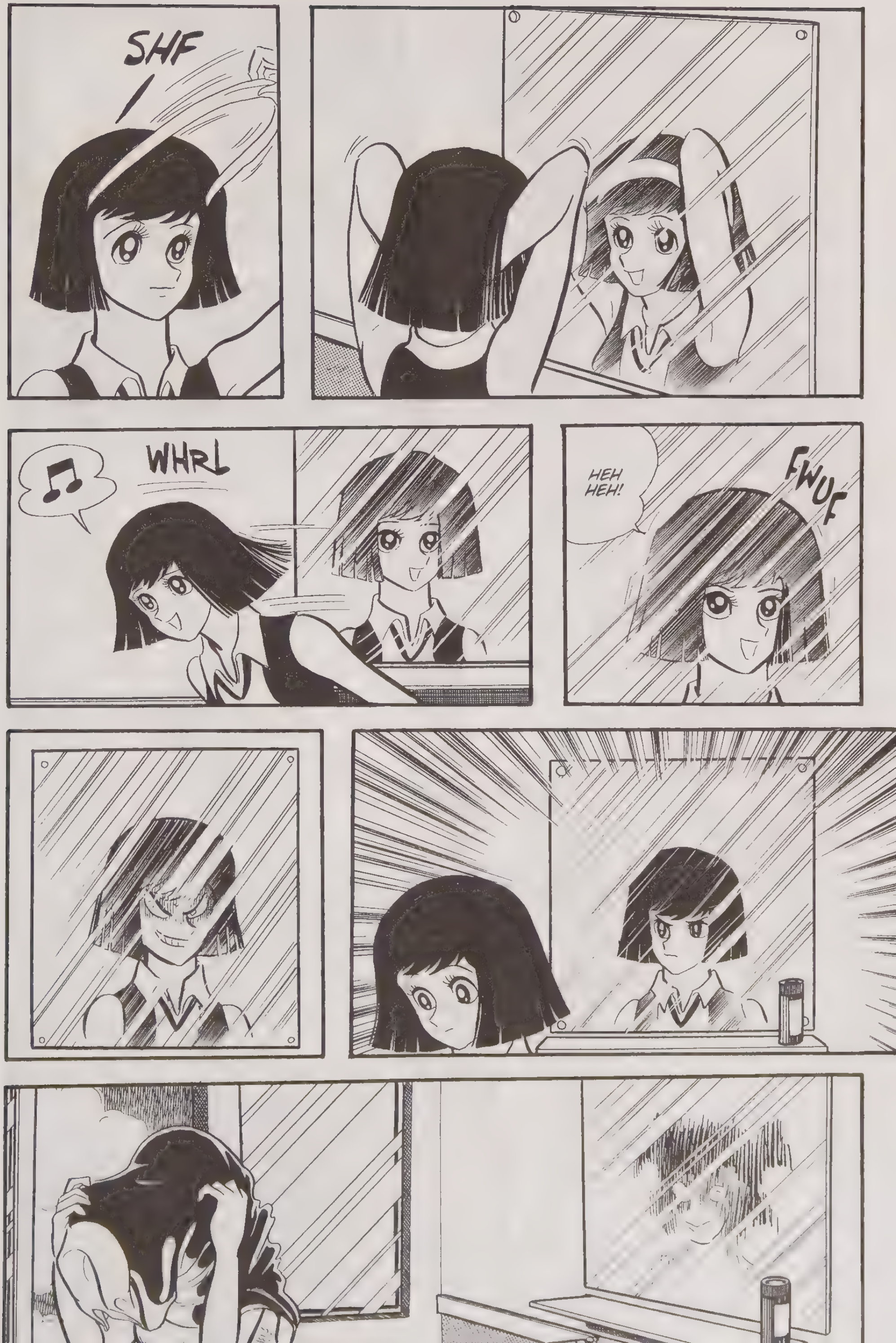
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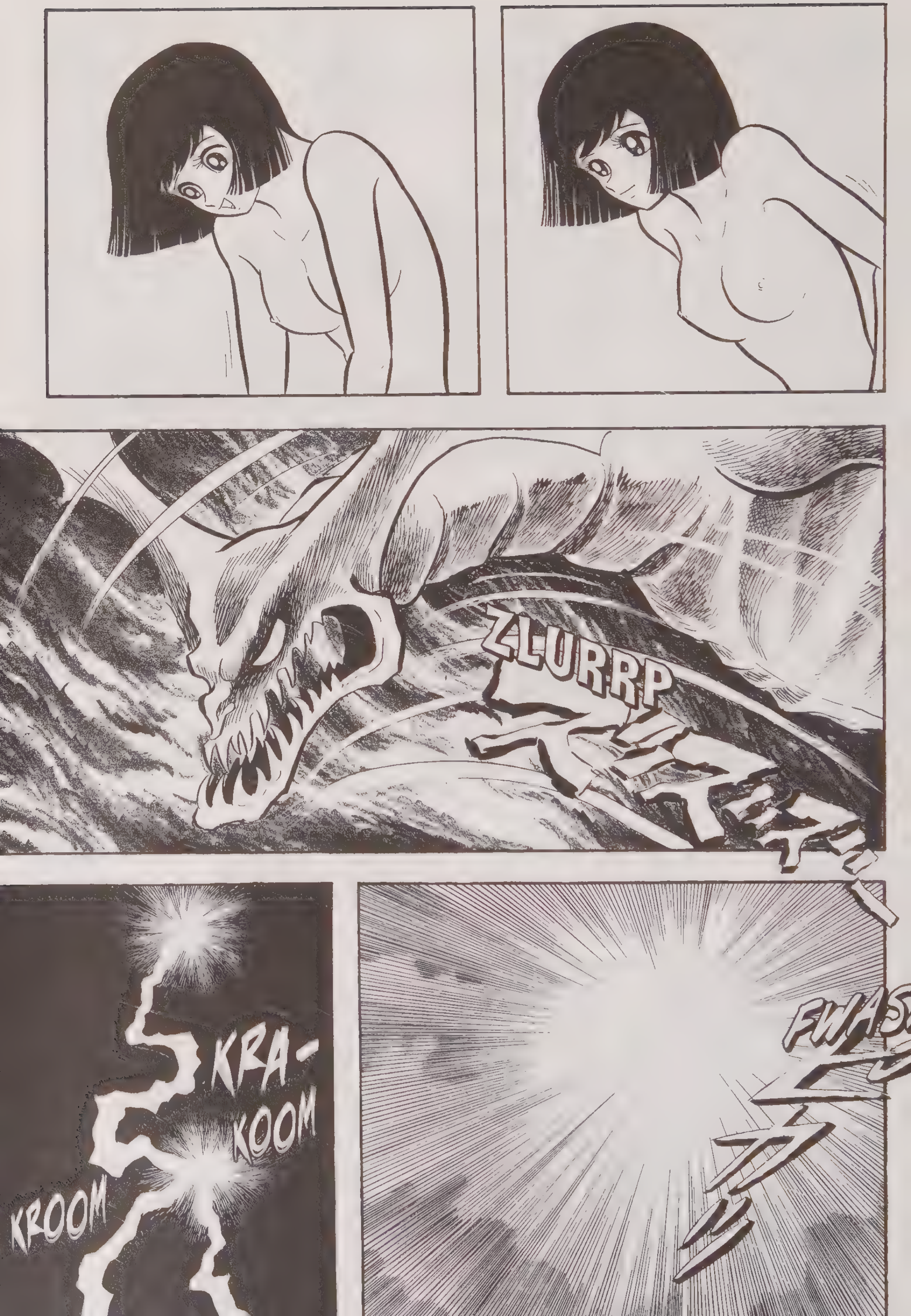
♫
WHRL
HEH HEH!
FWUF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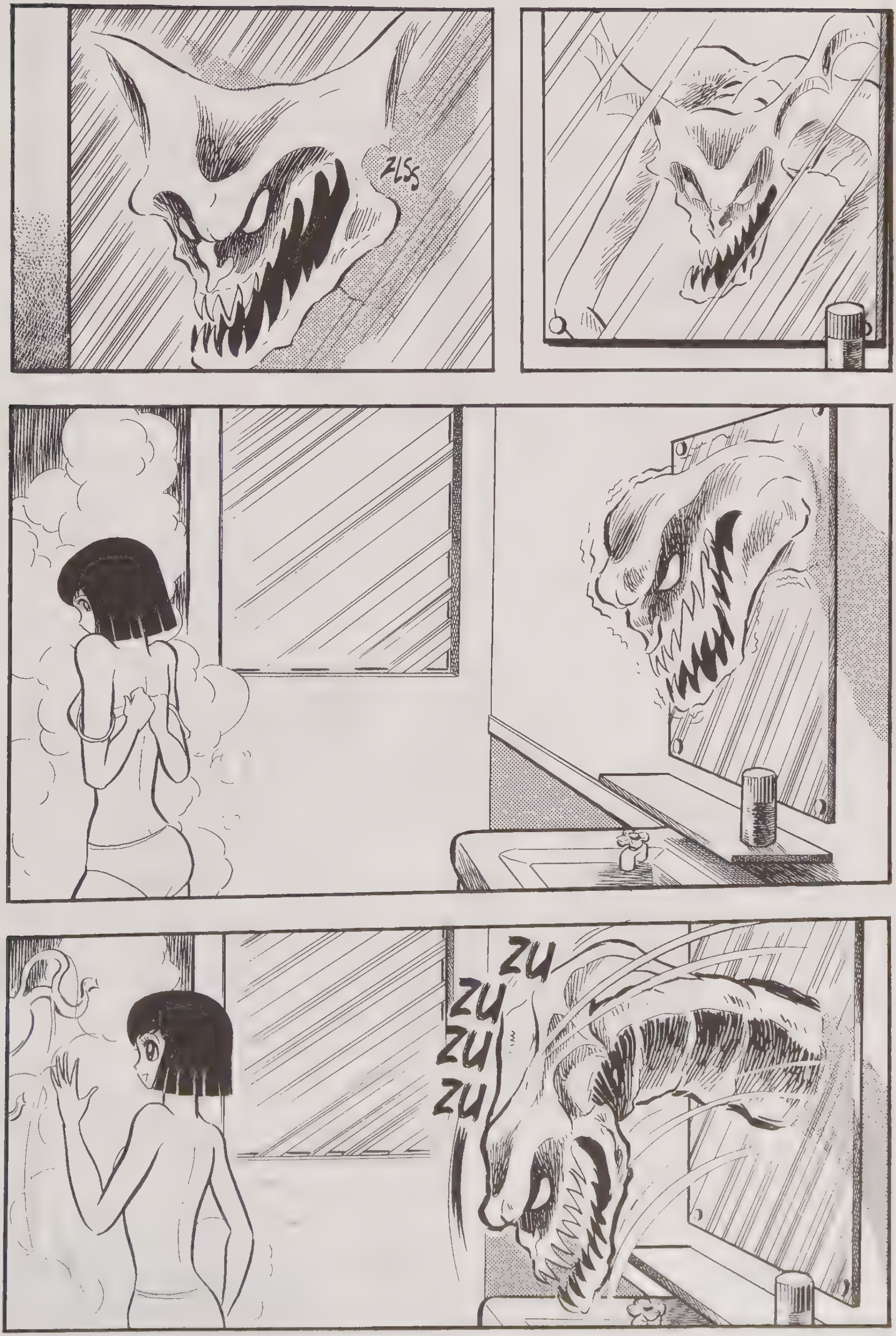
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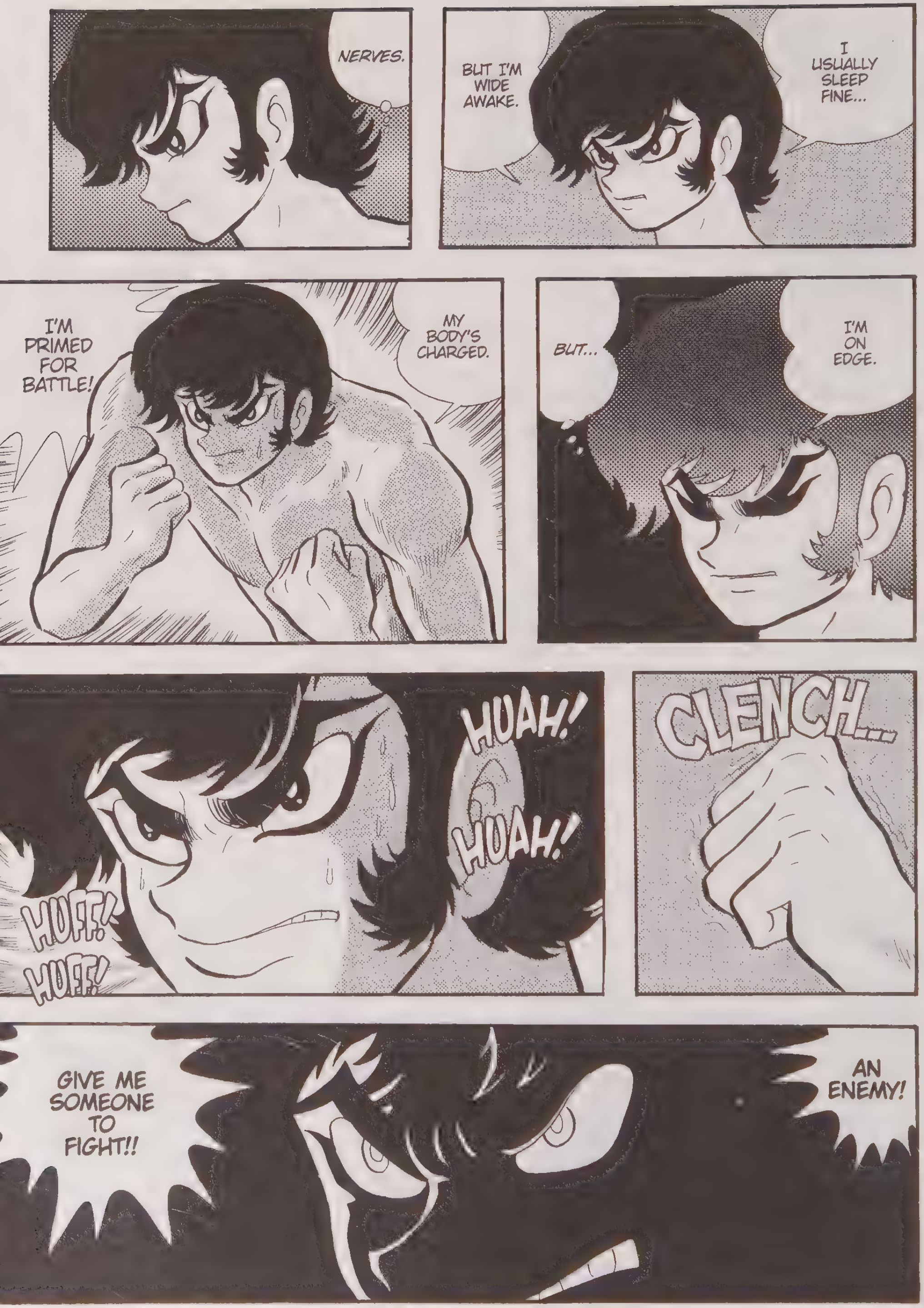
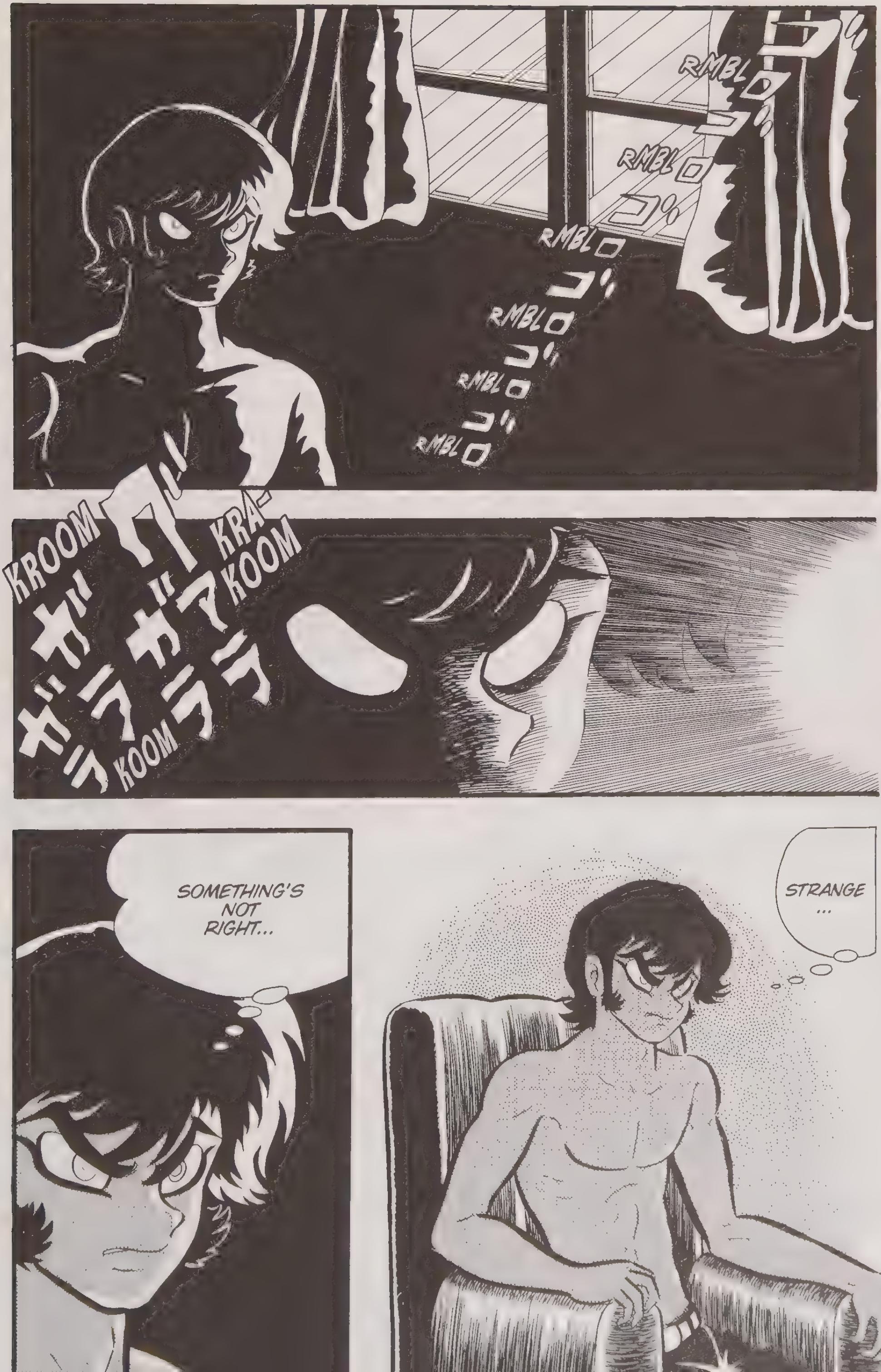

I USUALLY SLEEP FINE...
BUT I'M WIDE AWAKE.
NERVES.
I'M ON EDGE.
BUT...
MY BODY'S CHARGED.
I'M PRIMED FOR BATTLE!
CLENCH...
HUAH!
HUAH!
HUFF!
HUFF!
AN ENEMY!
GIVE ME SOMEONE TO FIGHT!!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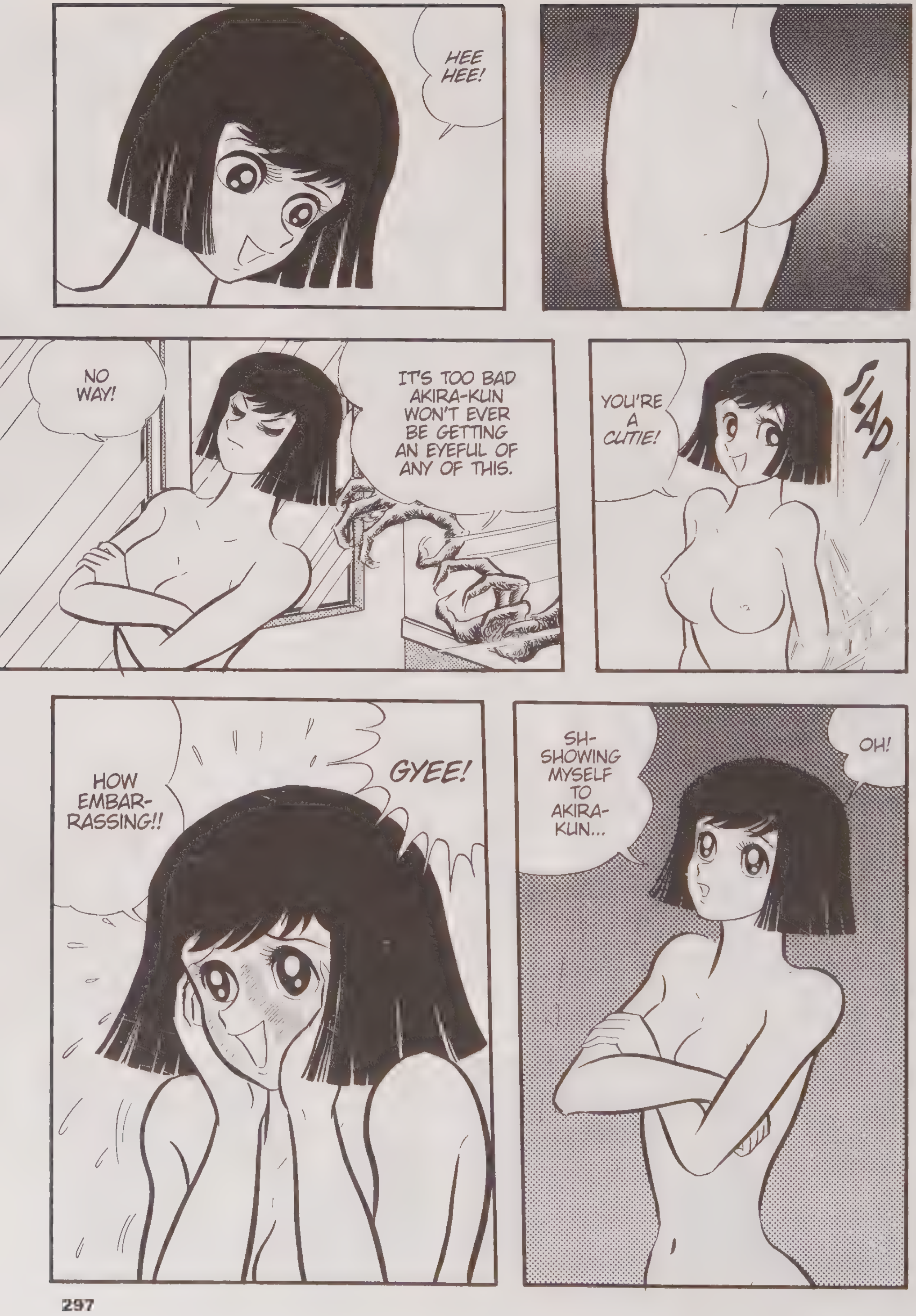
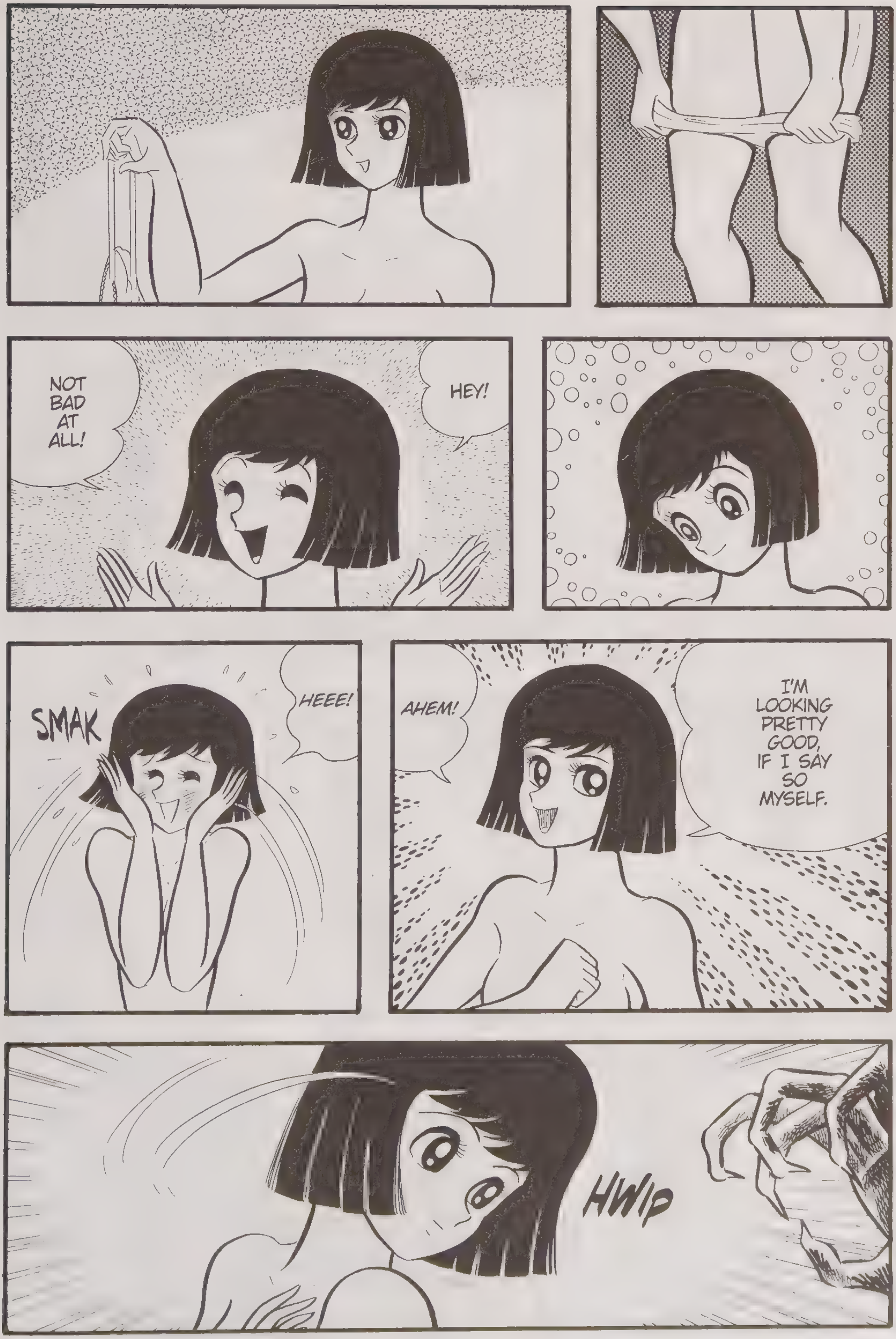
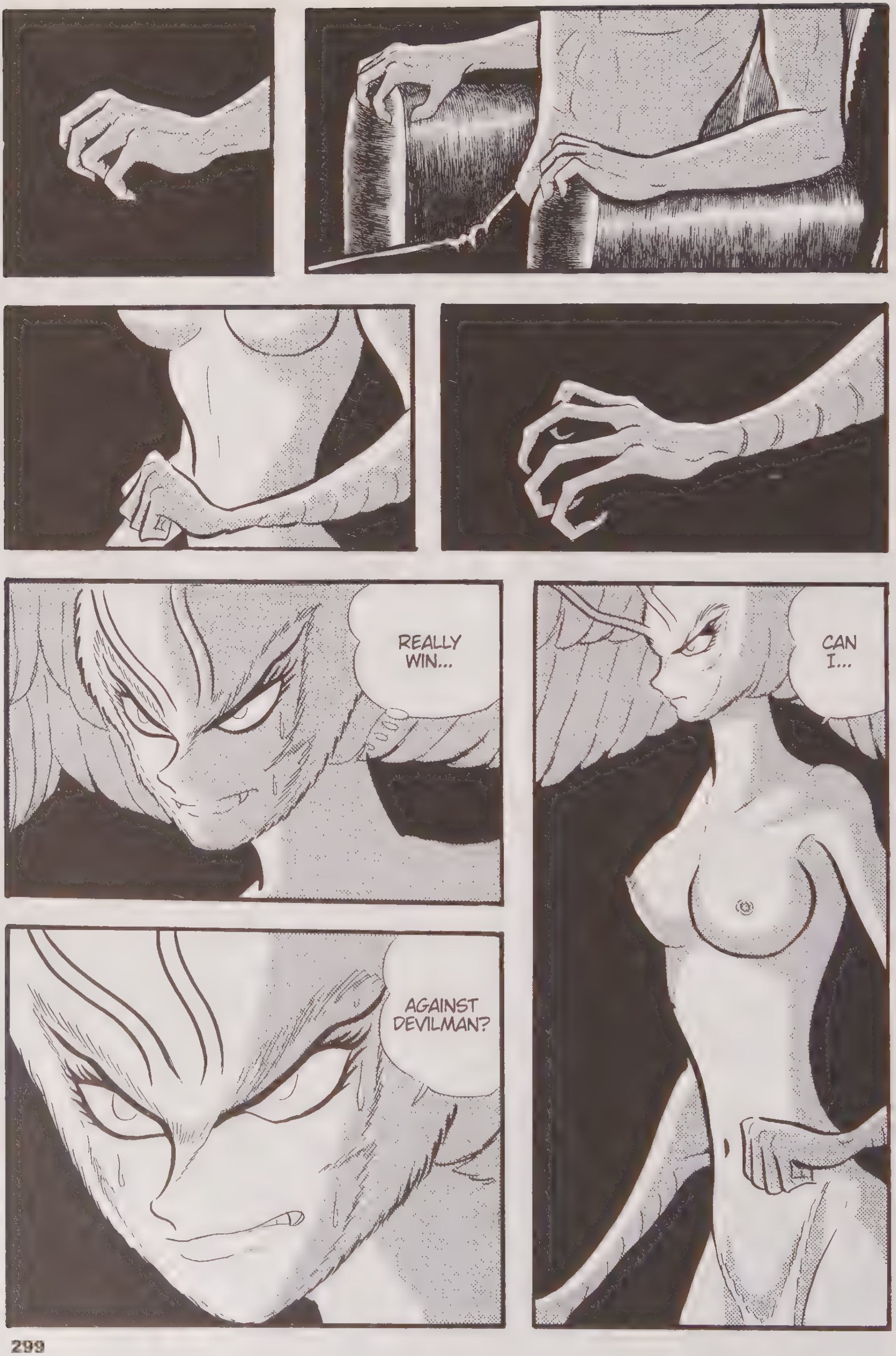
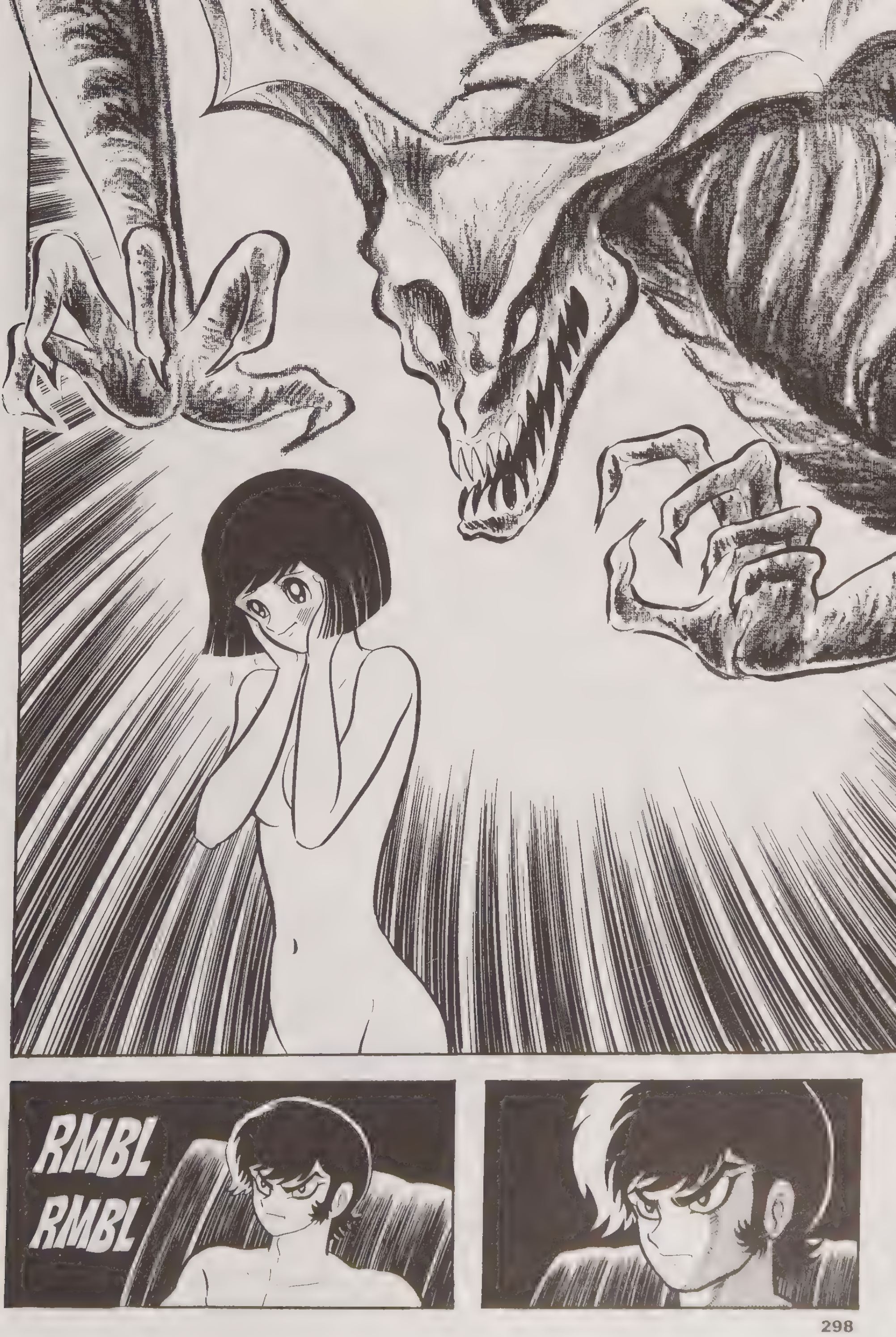
STRANGE ...
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...


HEE HEE!
YOU'RE A CUTIE!
SLAP
IT'S TOO BAD AKIRA-KUN WON'T EVER BE GETTING AN EYEFUL OF ANY OF THIS.
NO WAY!
OH!
SH- SHOWING MYSELF TO AKIRA-KUN...
GYEE!
HOW EMBARRASSING!!


HEY!
NOT BAD AT ALL!
I'M LOOKING PRETTY GOOD, IF I SAY SO MYSELF.
AHEM!
HEEE!
SMAK
HWIP


CAN I...
REALLY WIN...
AGAINST DEVILMAN?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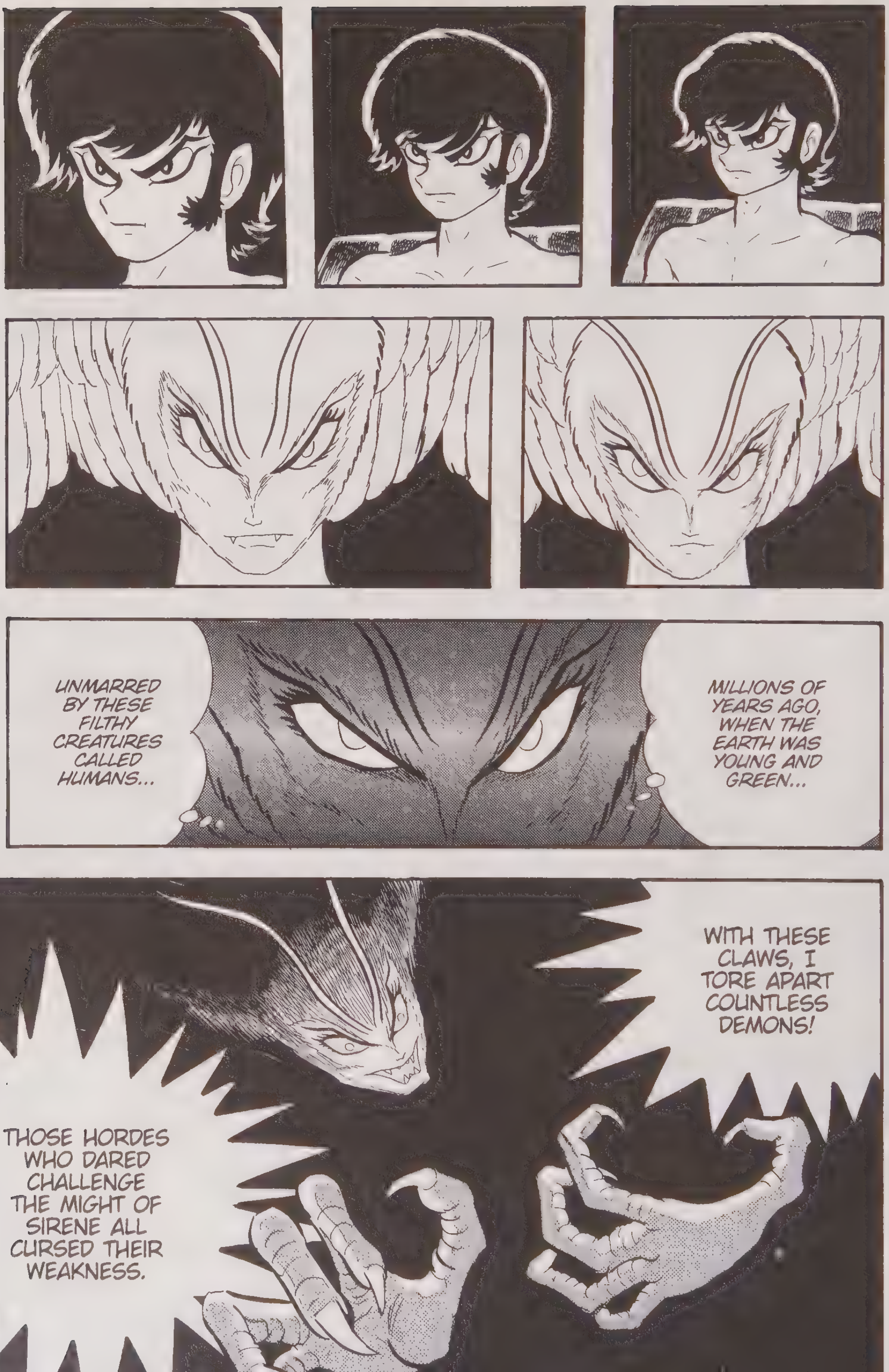
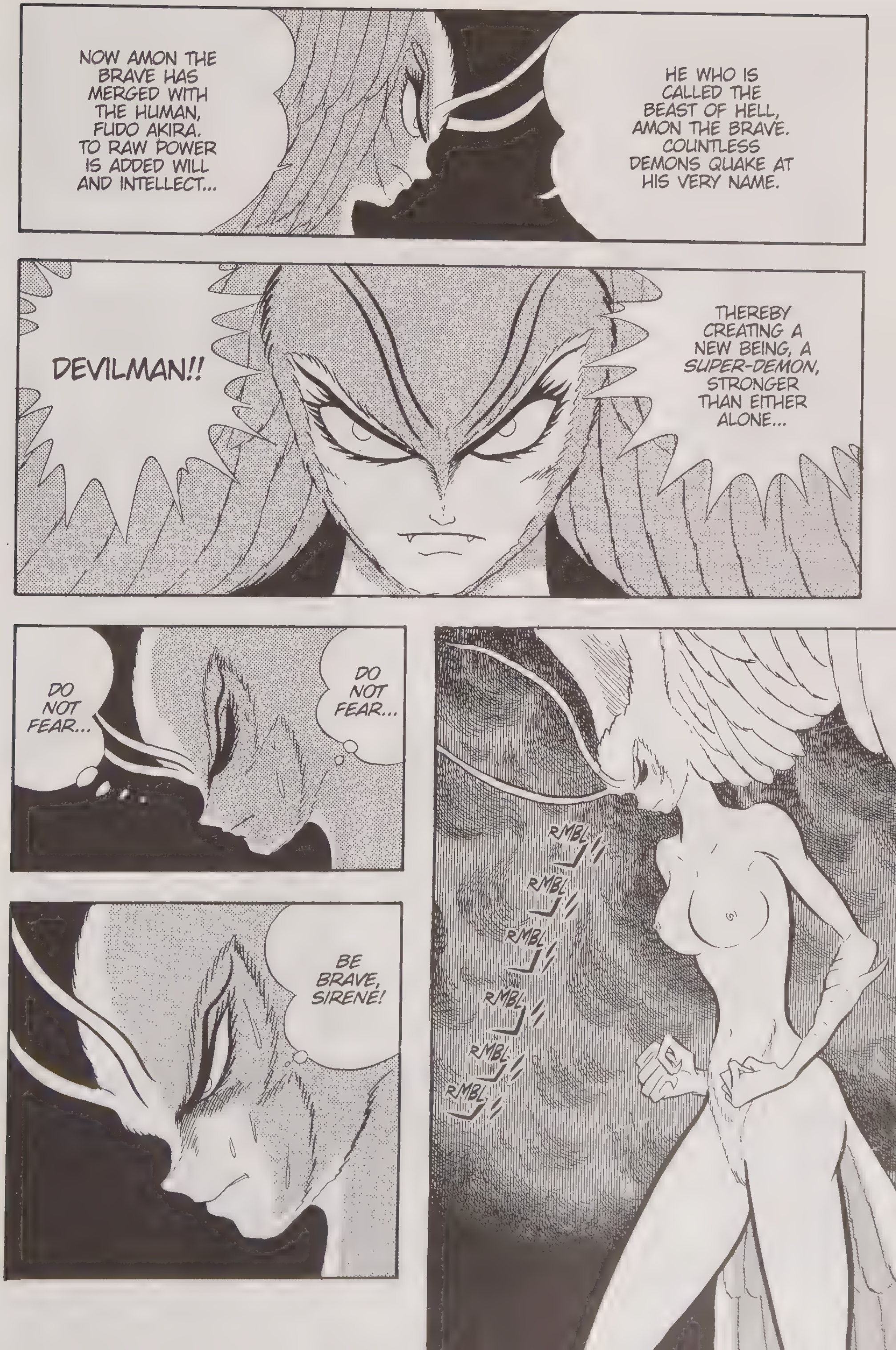

MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, WHEN THE EARTH WAS YOUNG AND GREEN...
UNMARRED BY THESE FILTHY CREATURES CALLED HUMANS...
WITH THESE CLAWS, I TORE APART COUNTLESS DEMONS!
THOSE HORDES WHO DARED CHALLENGE THE MIGHT OF SIRENE ALL CURSED THEIR WEAKNESS.


HE WHO IS CALLED THE BEAST OF HELL, AMON THE BRAVE. COUNTLESS DEMONS QUAKE AT HIS VERY NAME.
NOW AMON THE BRAVE HAS MERGED WITH THE HUMAN, FUDO AKIRA. TO RAW POWER IS ADDED WILL AND INTELLECT...
THEREBY CREATING A NEW BEING, A *SUPER-DEMON*, STRONGER THAN EITHER ALONE...
DEVILMAN!!
DO NOT FEAR...
DO NOT FEAR...
BE BRAVE, SIRENE!
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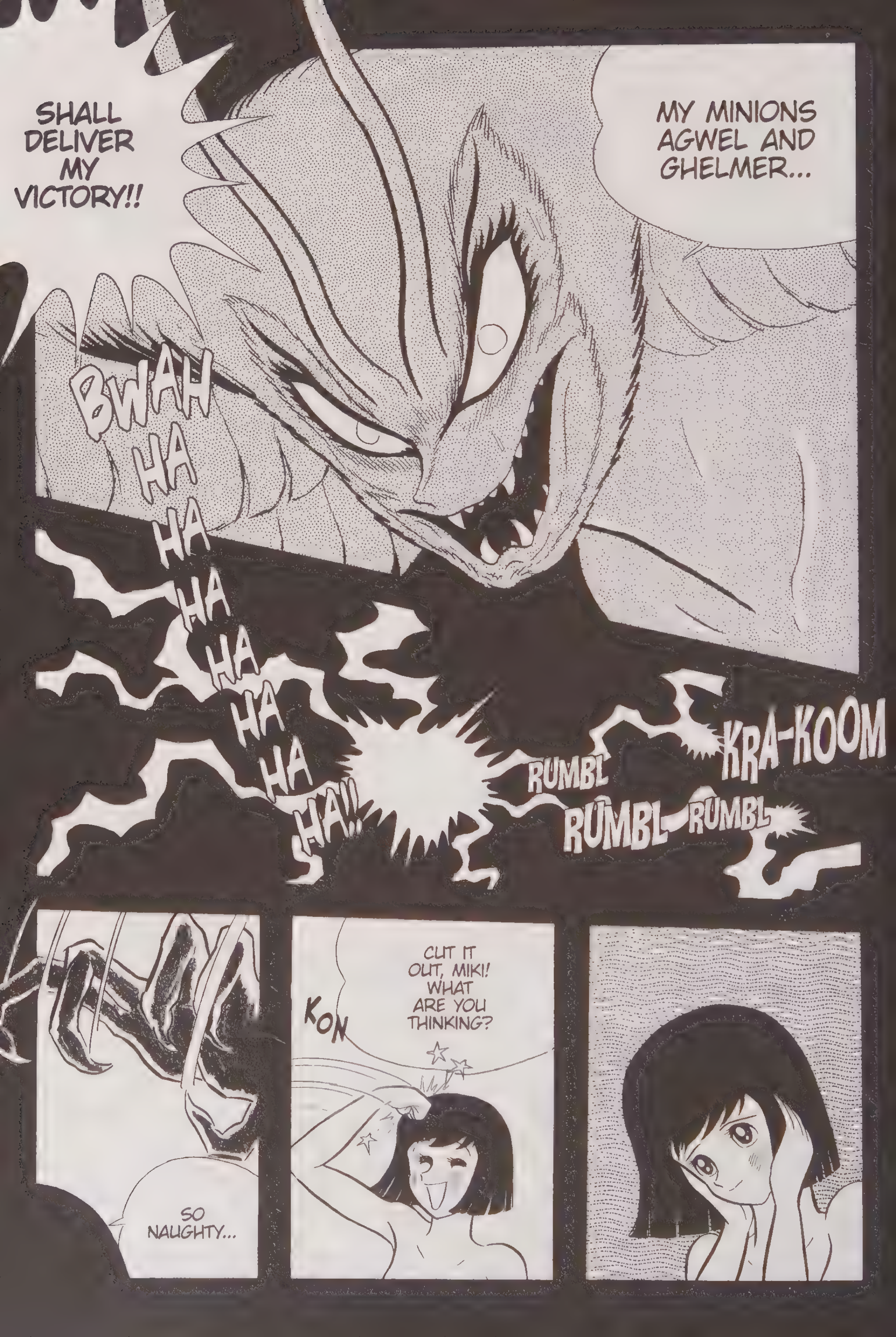
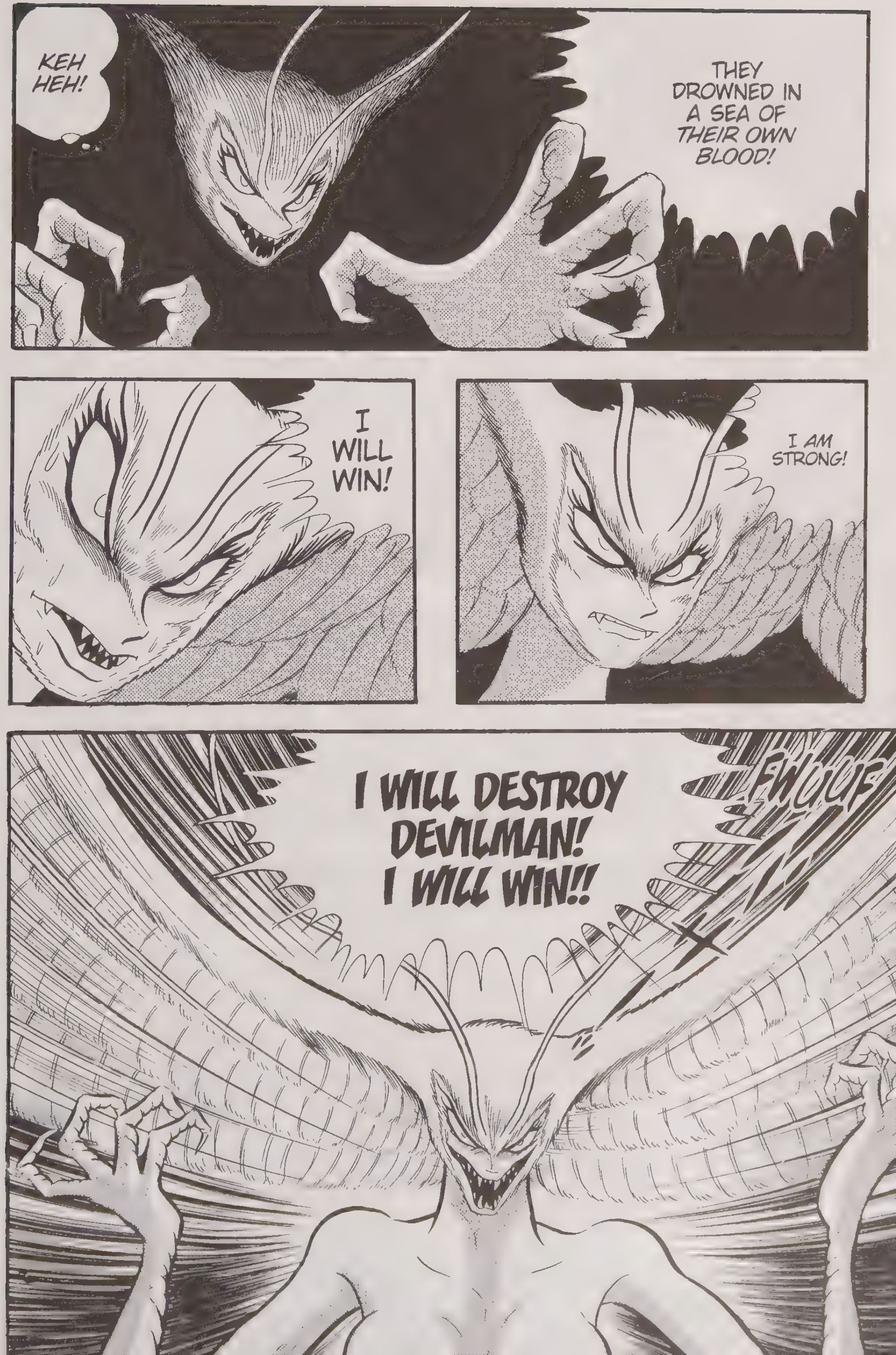
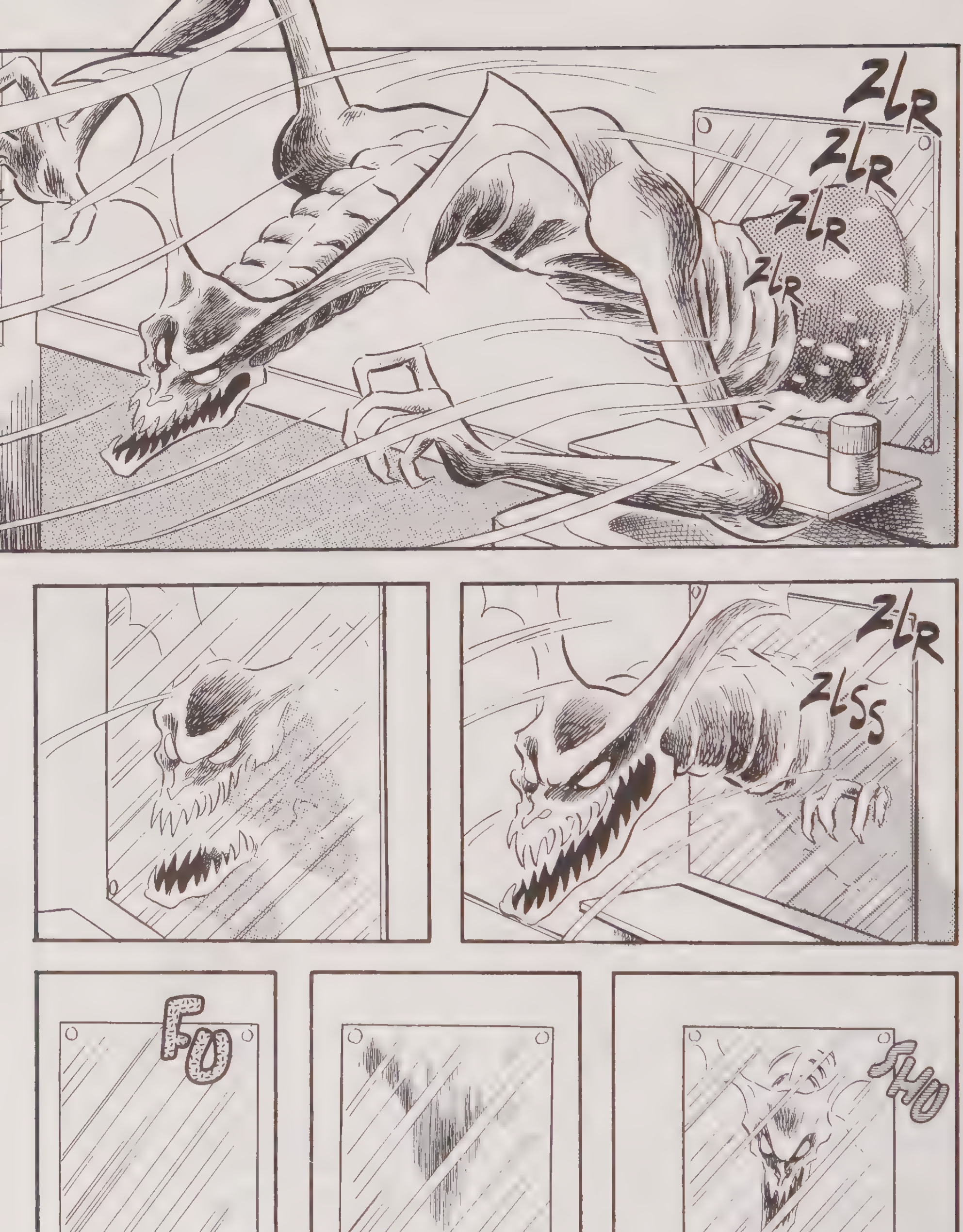

MY MINIONS AGWEL AND GHELMER...
SHALL DELIVER MY VICTORY!!
BWAH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
KRA-KOOM
RUMBL
RUMBL RUMBL
CUT IT OUT, MIKI! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
KON
SO NAUGHTY...


THEY DROWNED IN A SEA OF THEIR OWN BLOOD!
KEH HEH!
I AM STRONG!
I WILL WIN!
FWUUF
I WILL DESTROY DEVILMAN! I WILL WIN!!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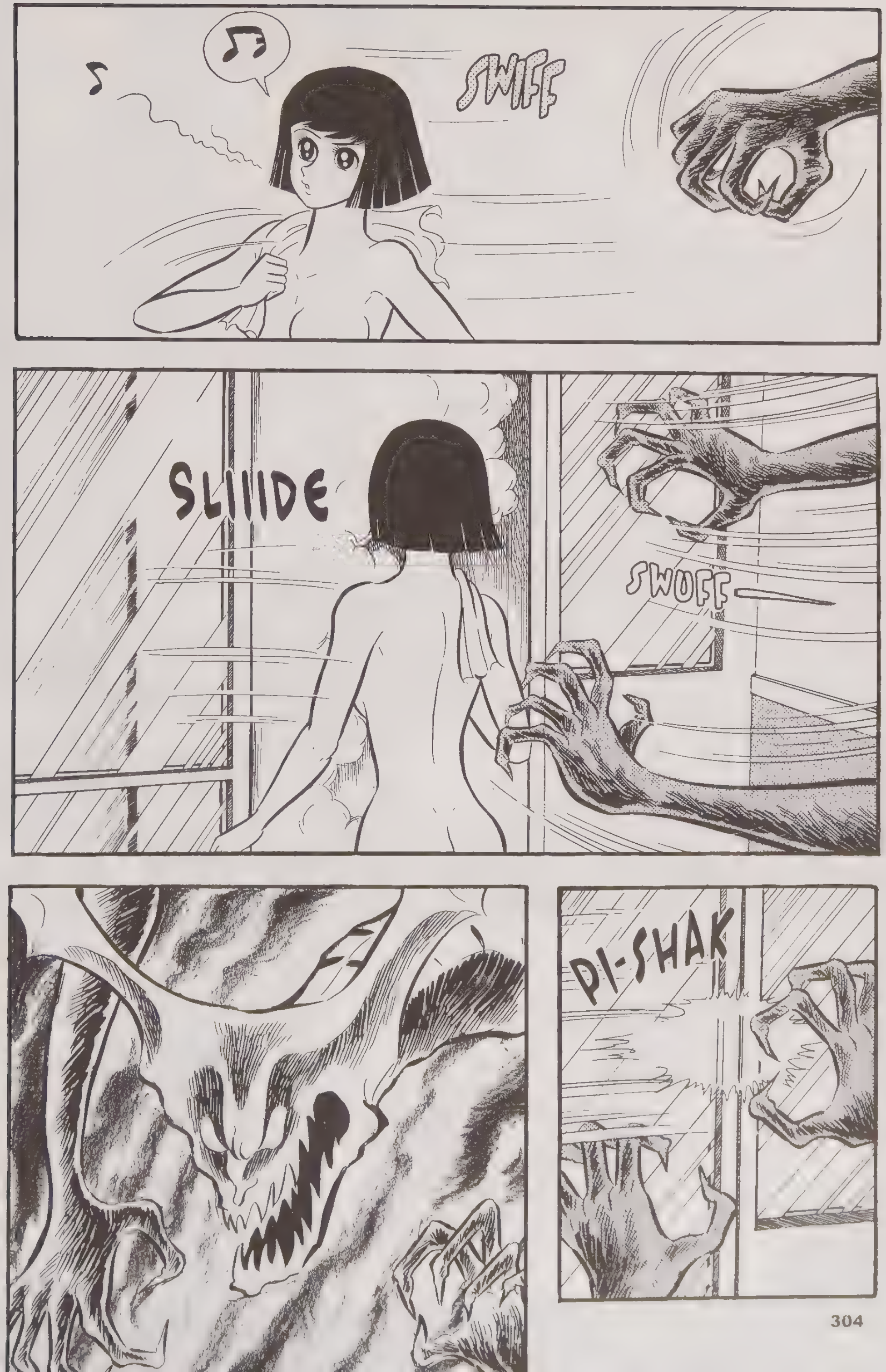
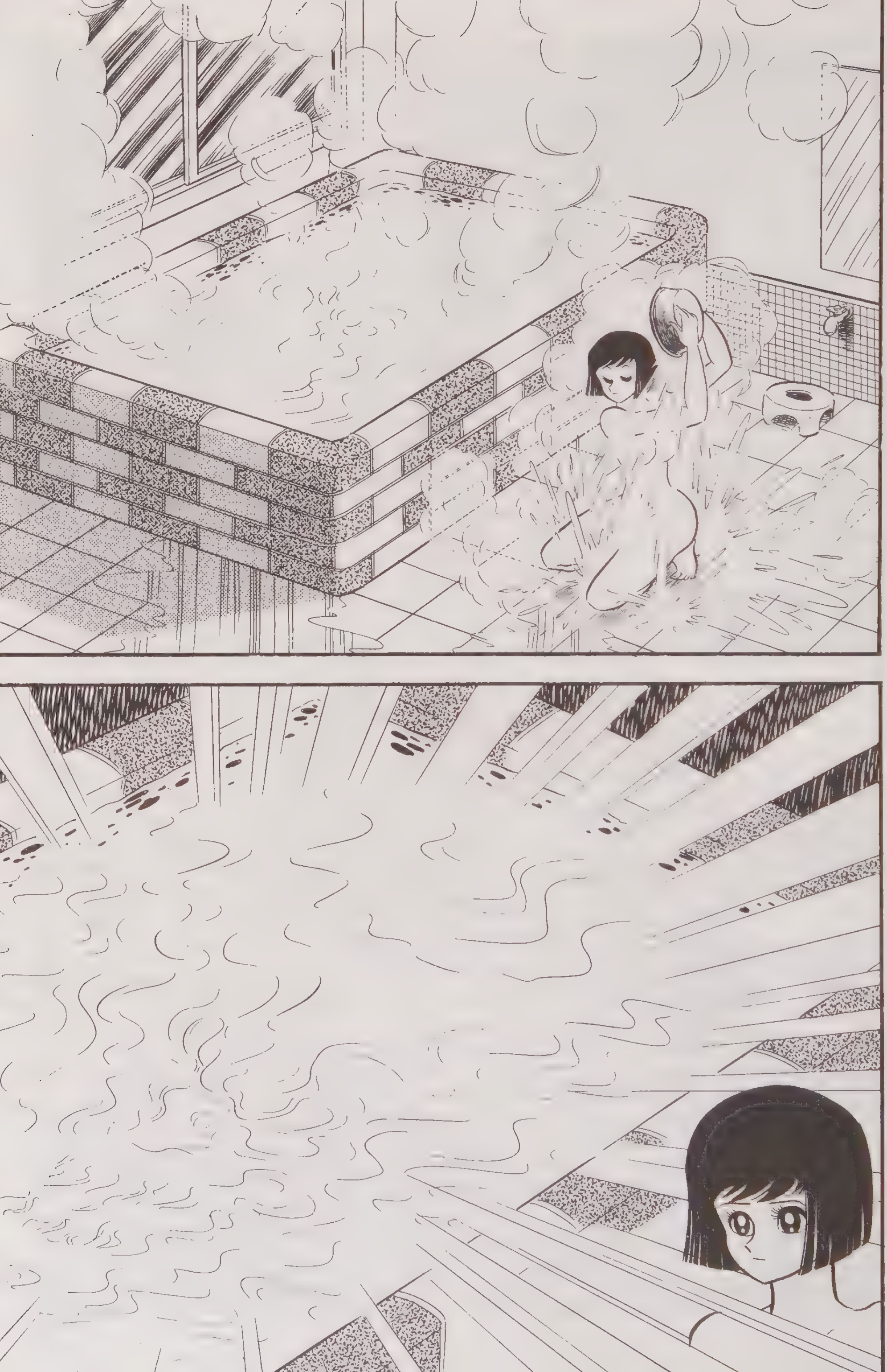
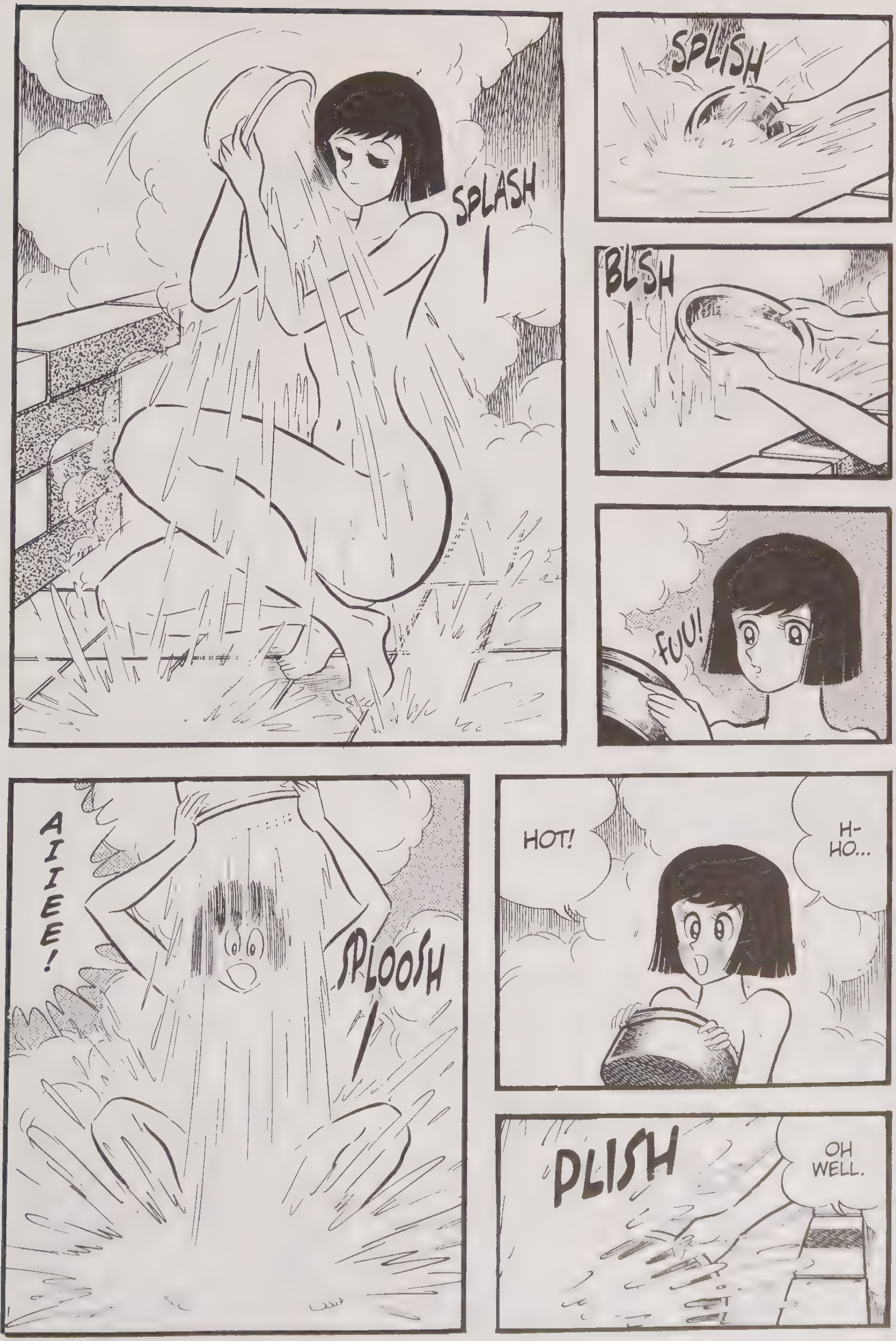
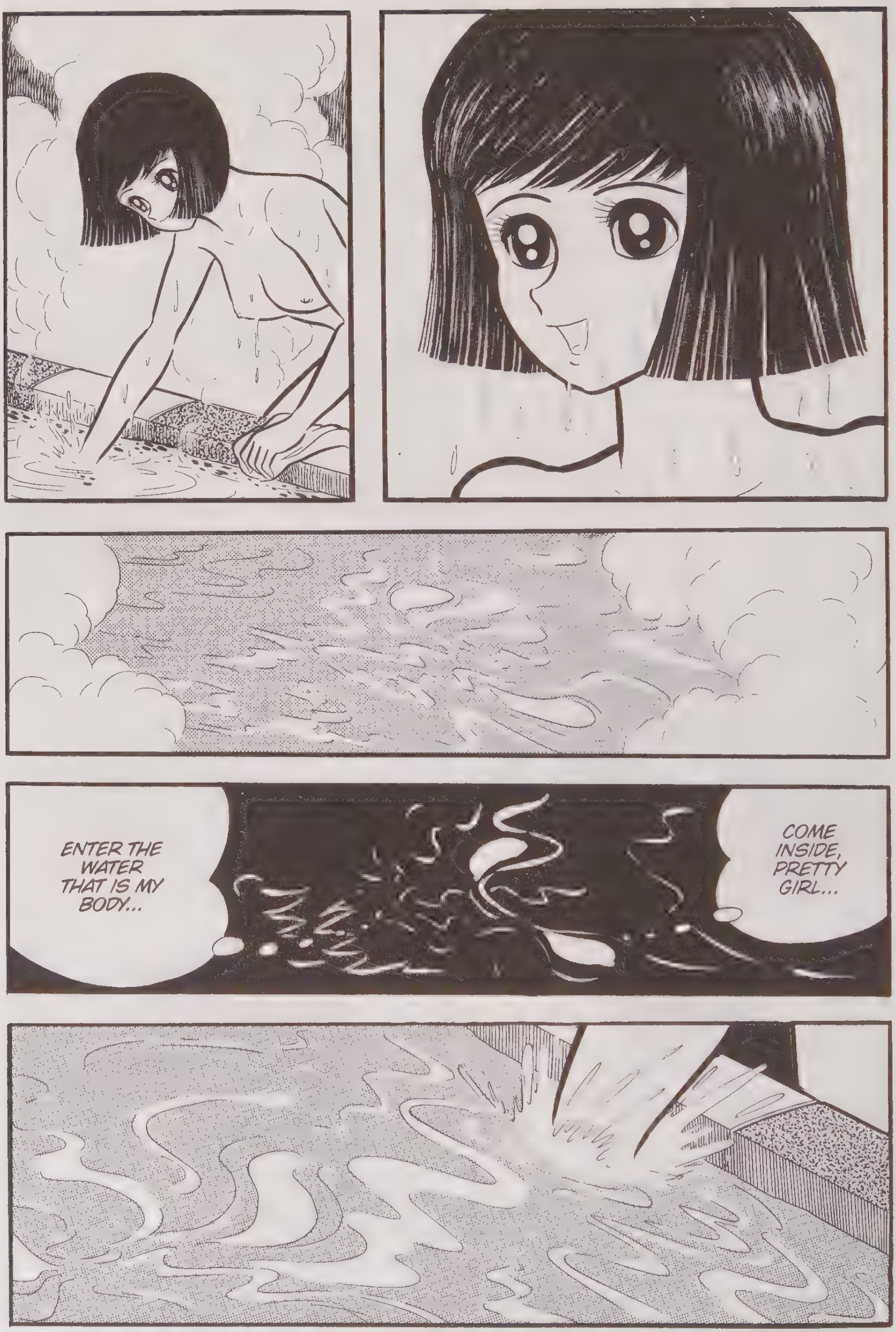
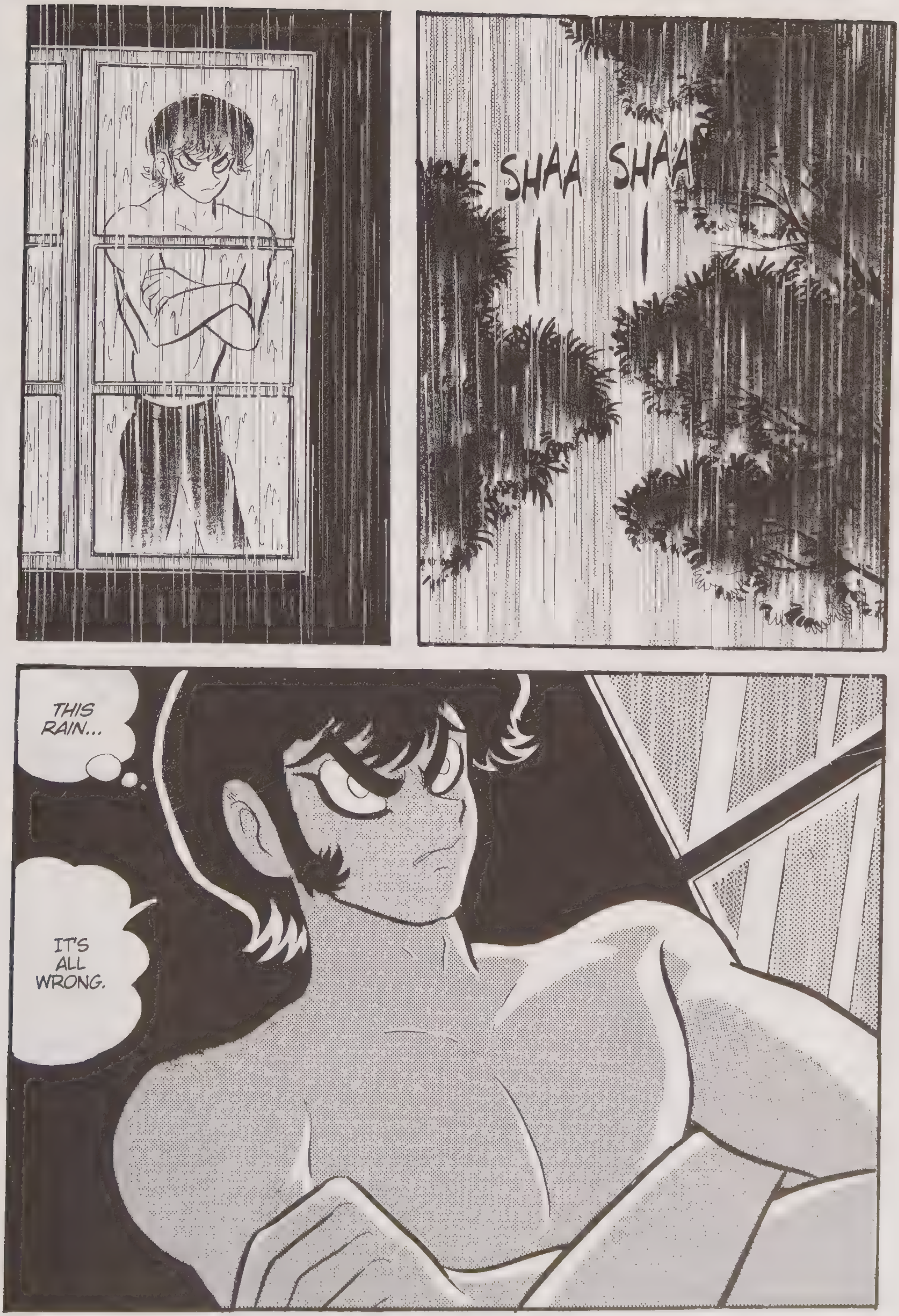
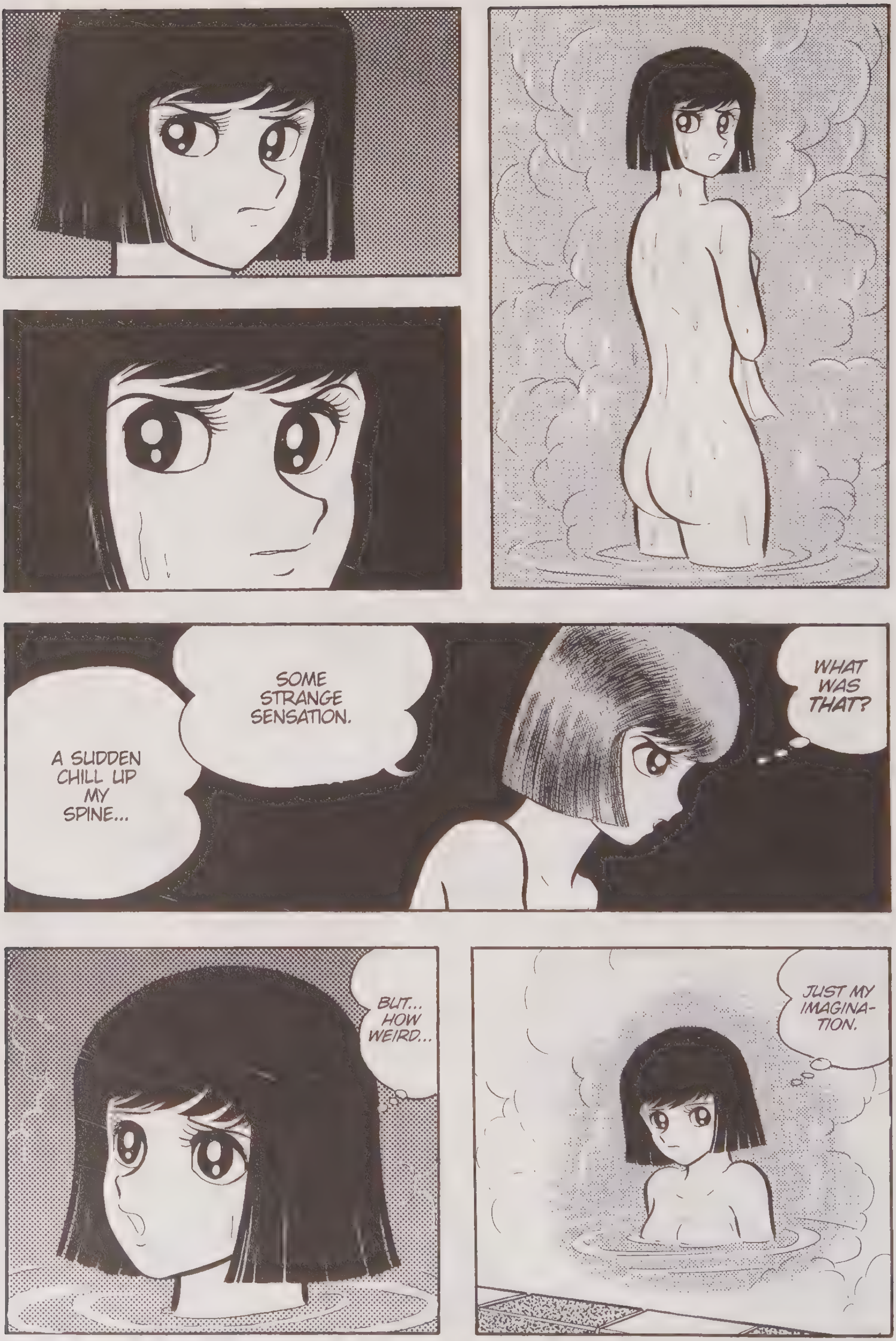

SWIFF
SWUFF
SLIIIDE
PI-SHAK

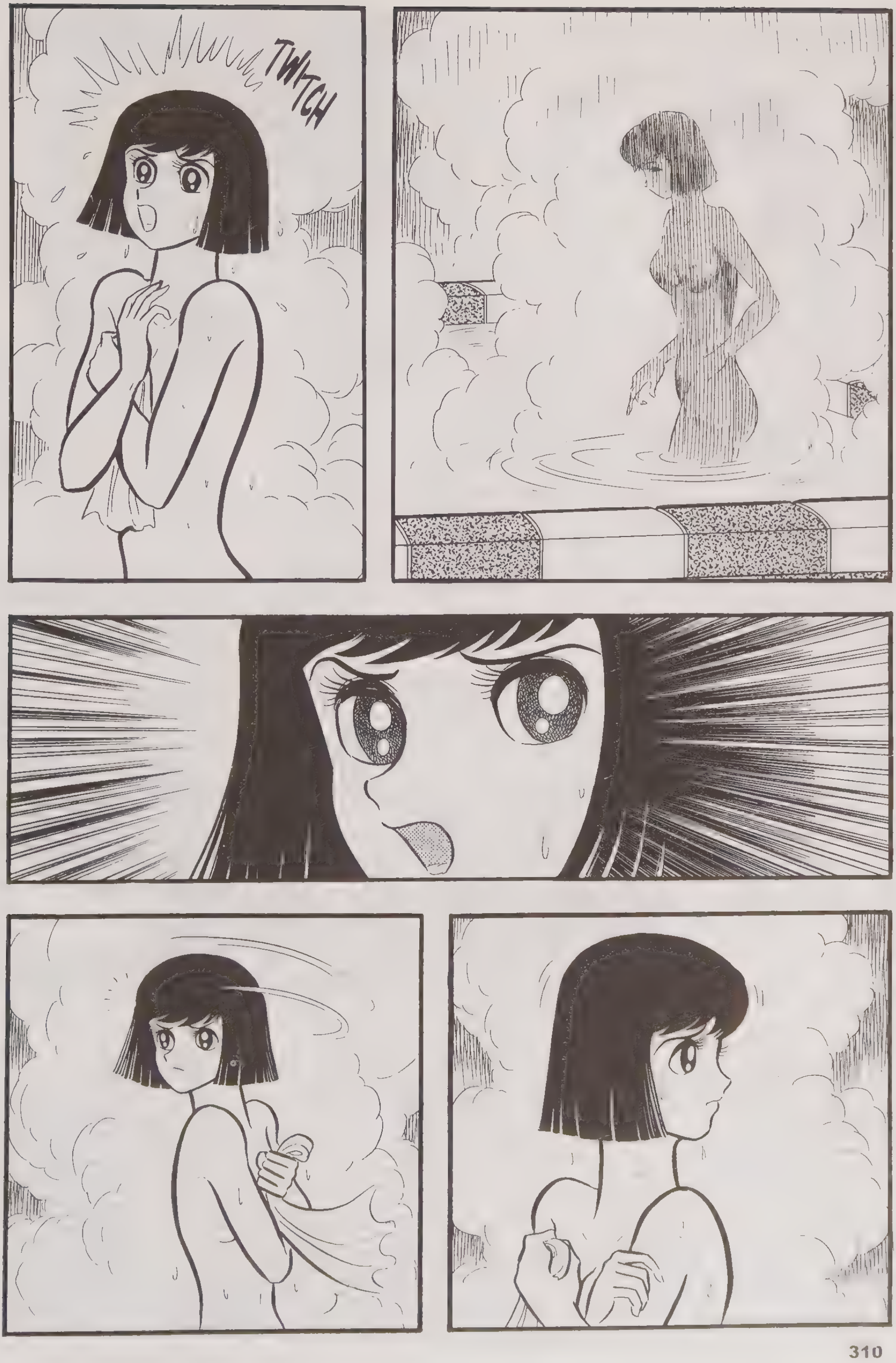


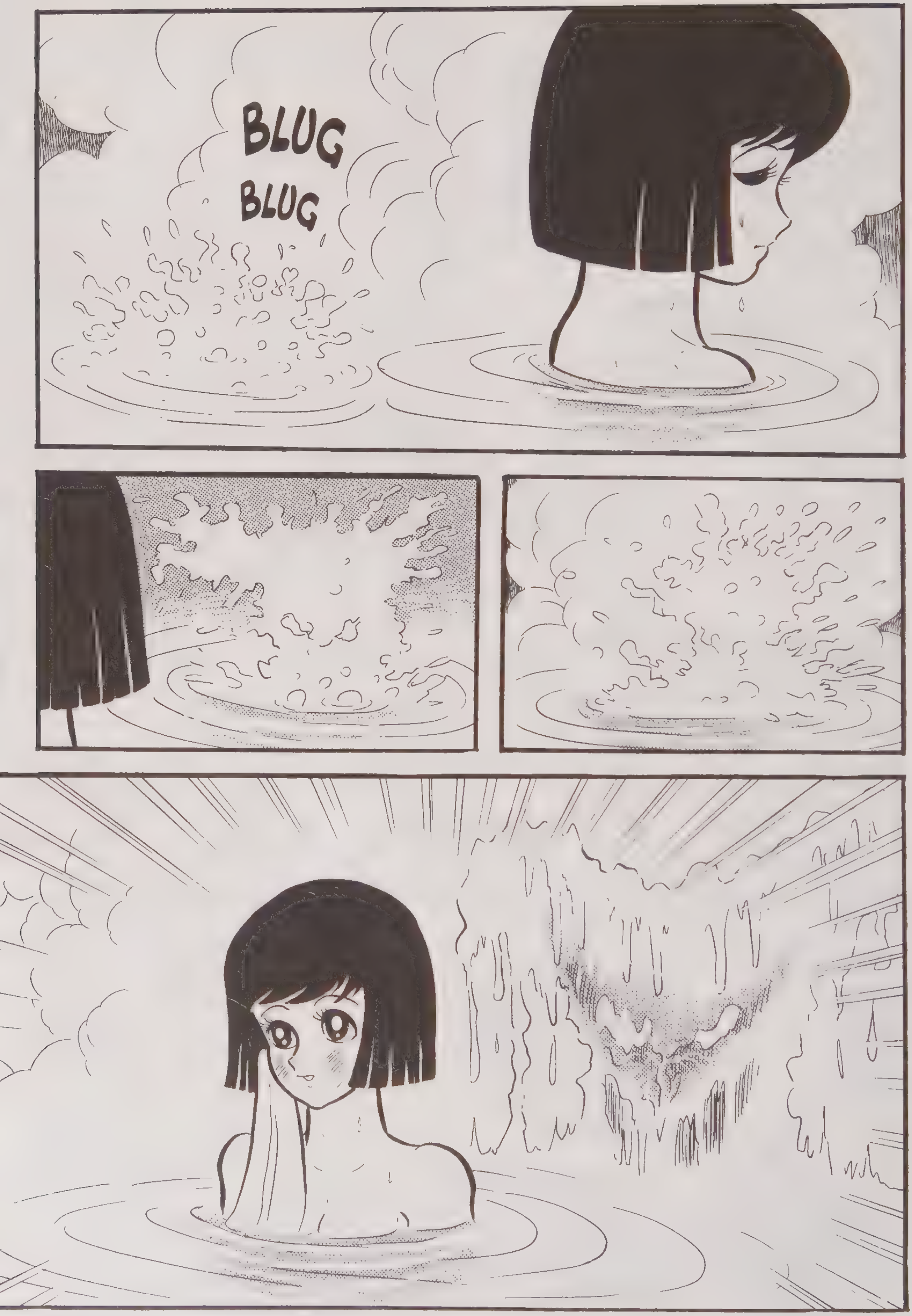

SPLASH
SPLISH
BLSH
FUU!
AIIEEE!
SPLOOSH
H-HO...
HOT!
PLISH
OH WELL.

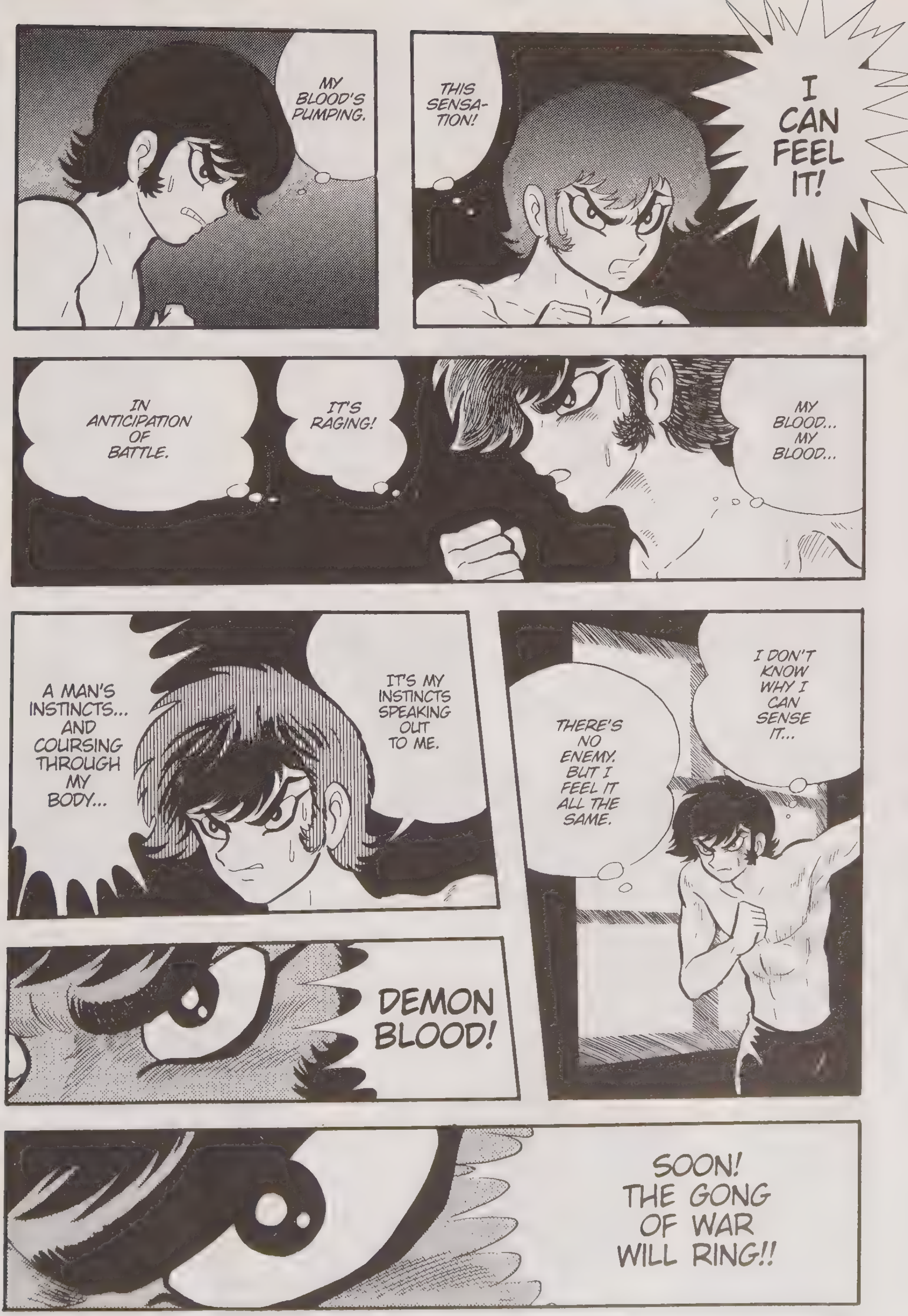

COME INSIDE, PRETTY GIRL...
ENTER THE WATER THAT IS MY BODY...

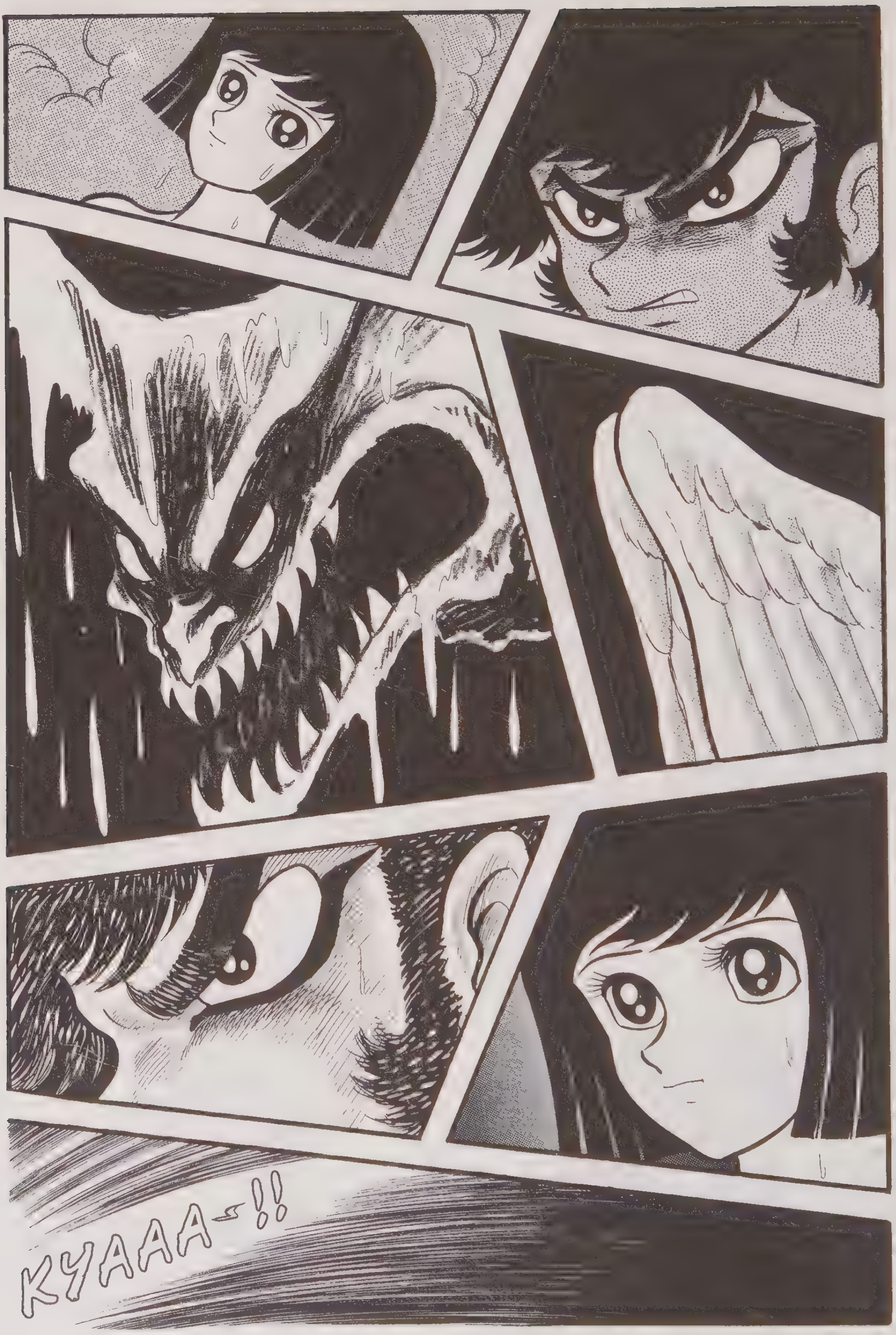

SHAA SHAA
THIS RAIN...
IT'S ALL WRONG.

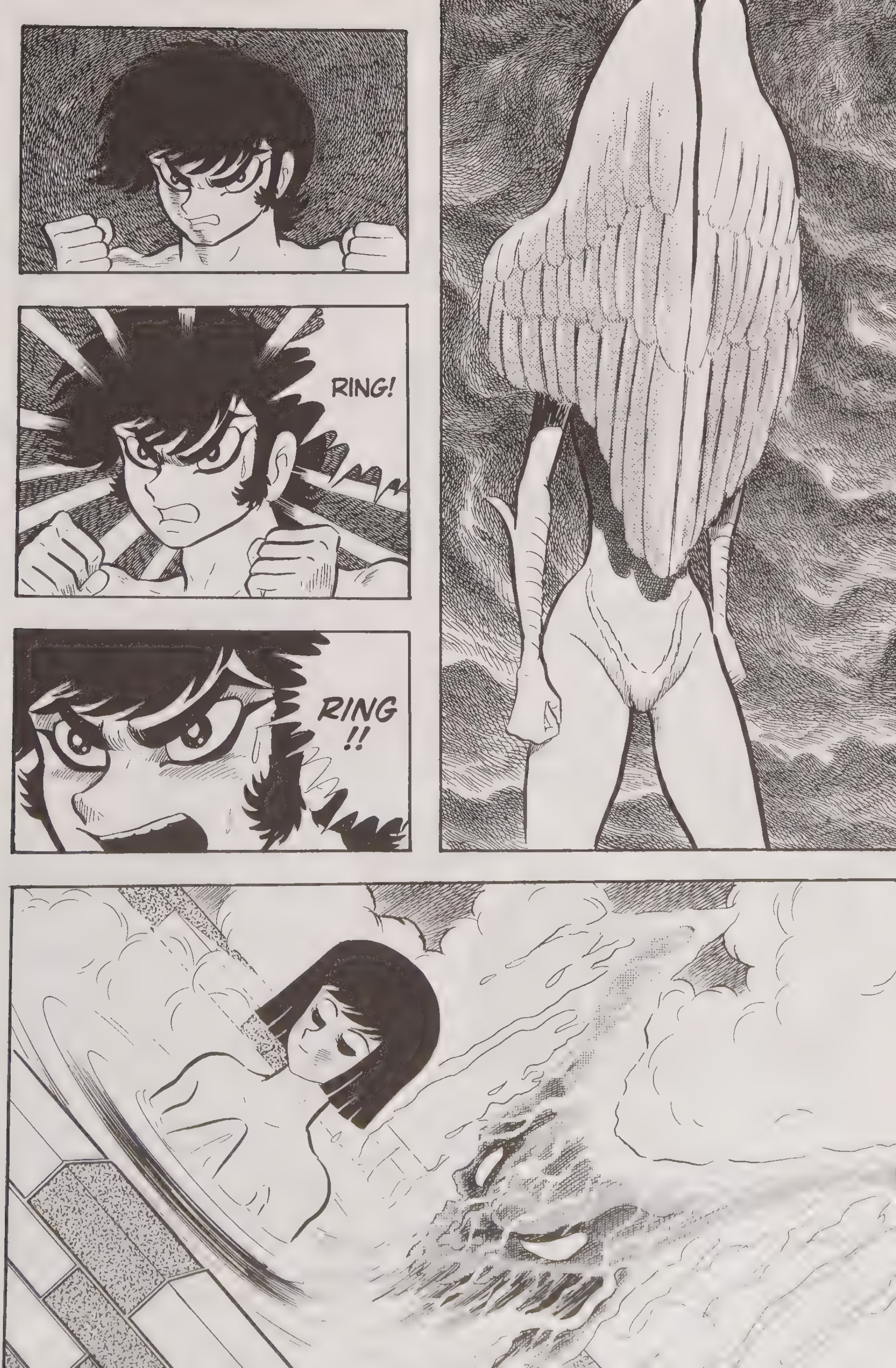

WHAT WAS THAT?
SOME STRANGE SENSATION.
A SUDDEN CHILL UP MY SPINE...
JUST MY IMAGINATION.
BUT... HOW WEIRD...

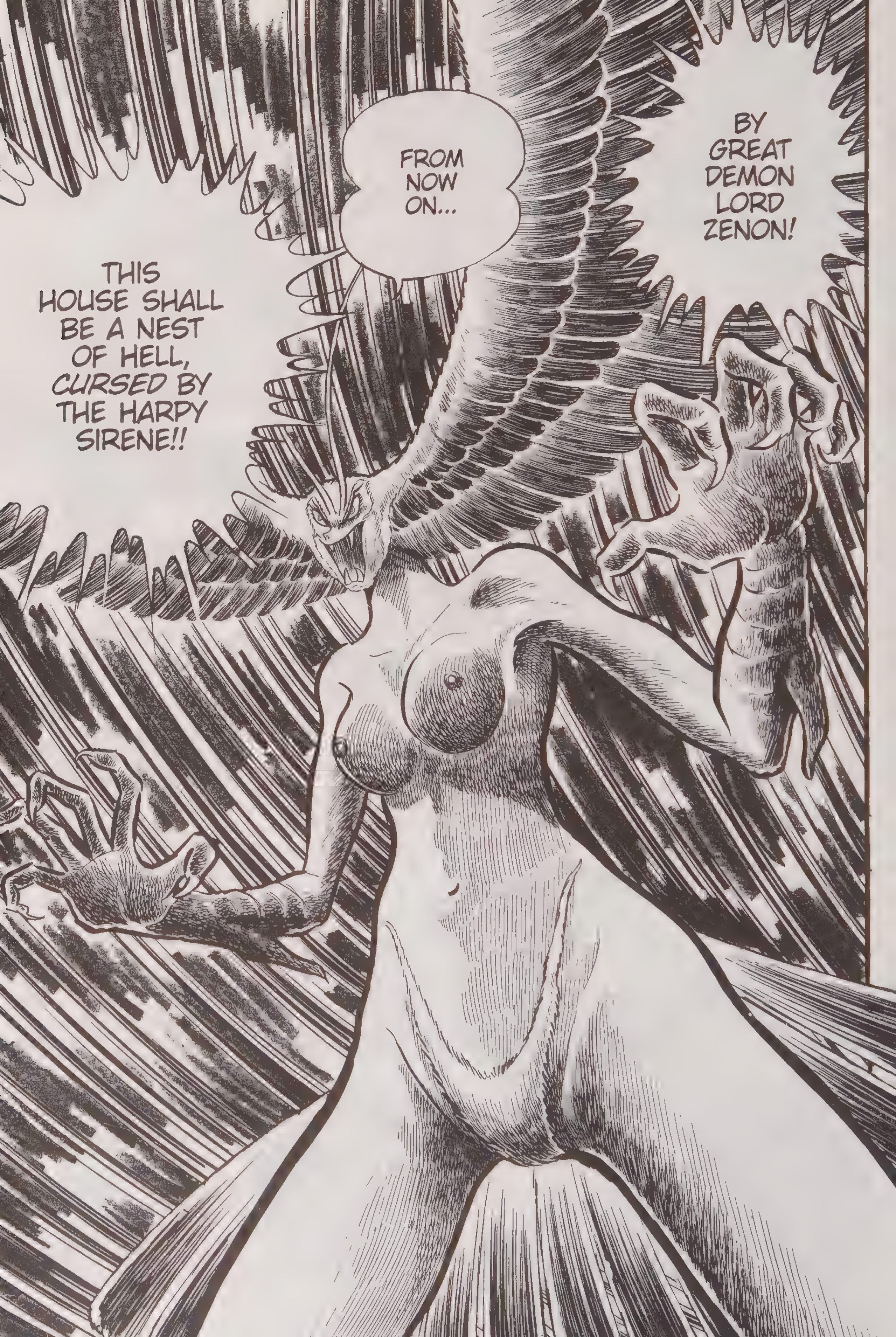

TWITCH

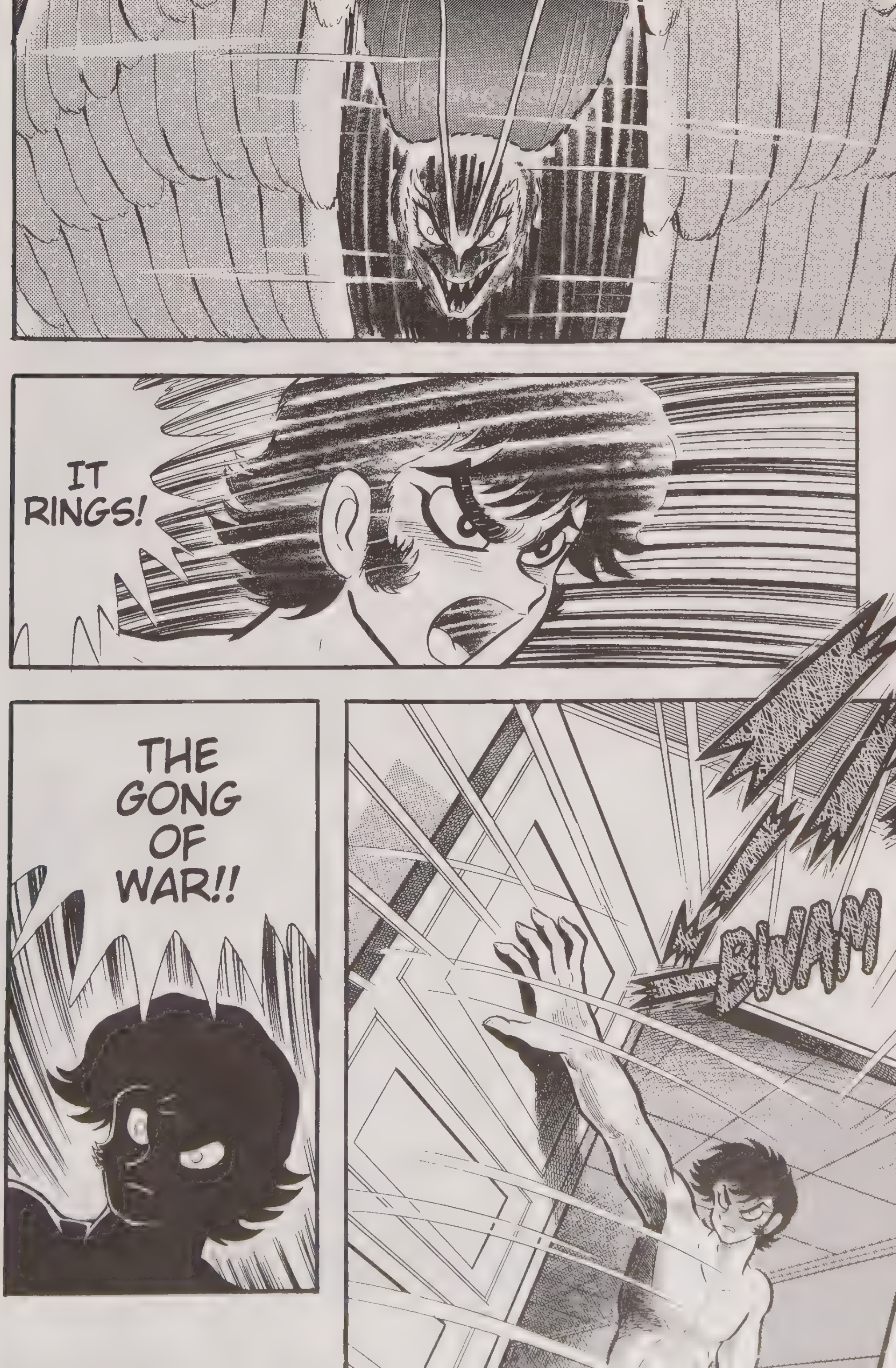

BLUG
BLUG

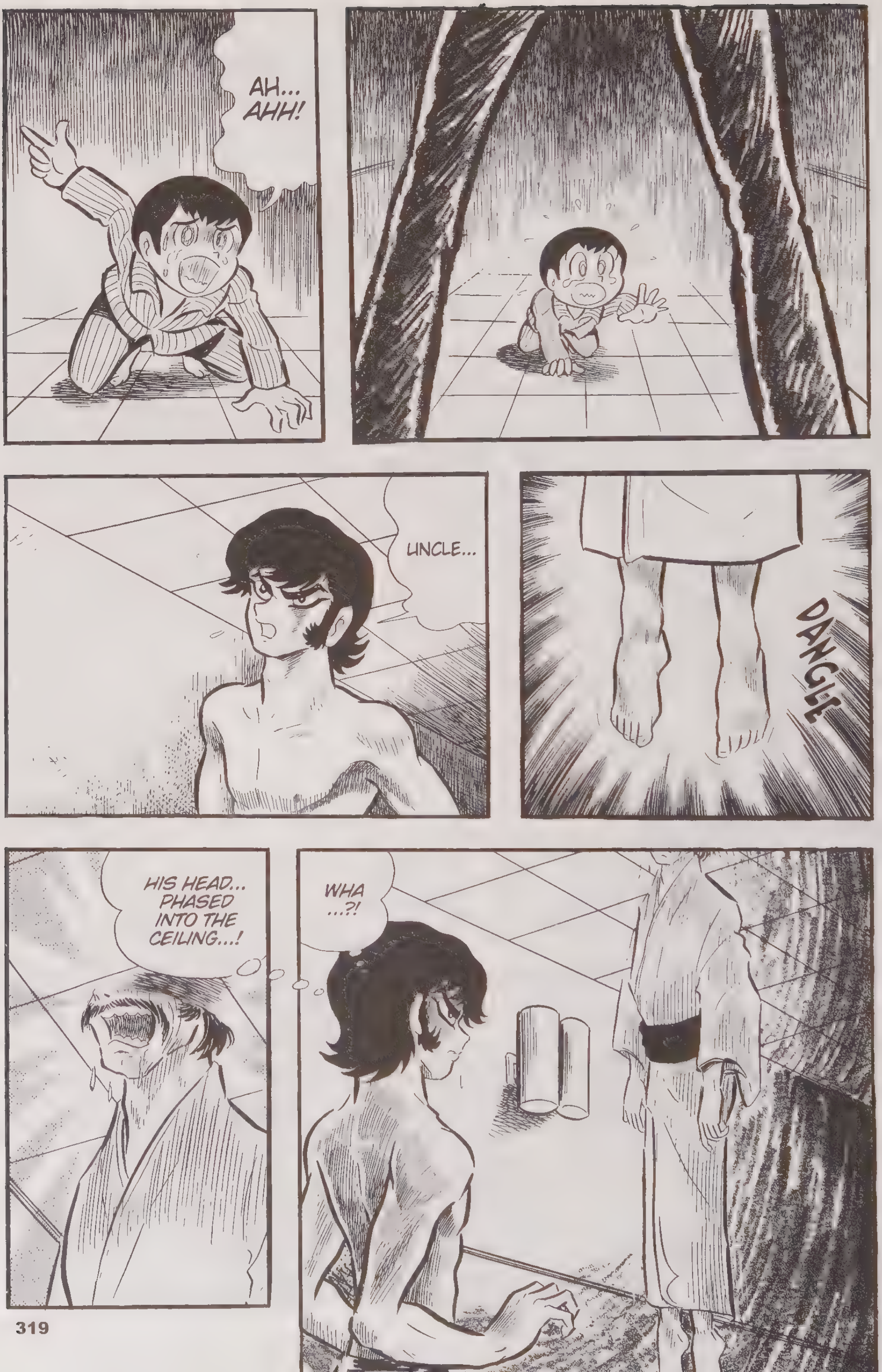

I CAN FEEL IT!
THIS SENSATION!
MY BLOOD'S PUMPING.
MY BLOOD... MY BLOOD...
IT'S RAGING!
IN ANTICIPATION OF BATTLE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY I CAN SENSE IT...
THERE'S NO ENEMY. BUT I FEEL IT ALL THE SAME.
IT'S MY INSTINCTS SPEAKING OUT TO ME.
A MAN'S INSTINCTS... AND COURSING THROUGH MY BODY...
DEMON BLOOD!
SOON! THE GONG OF WAR WILL RING!!

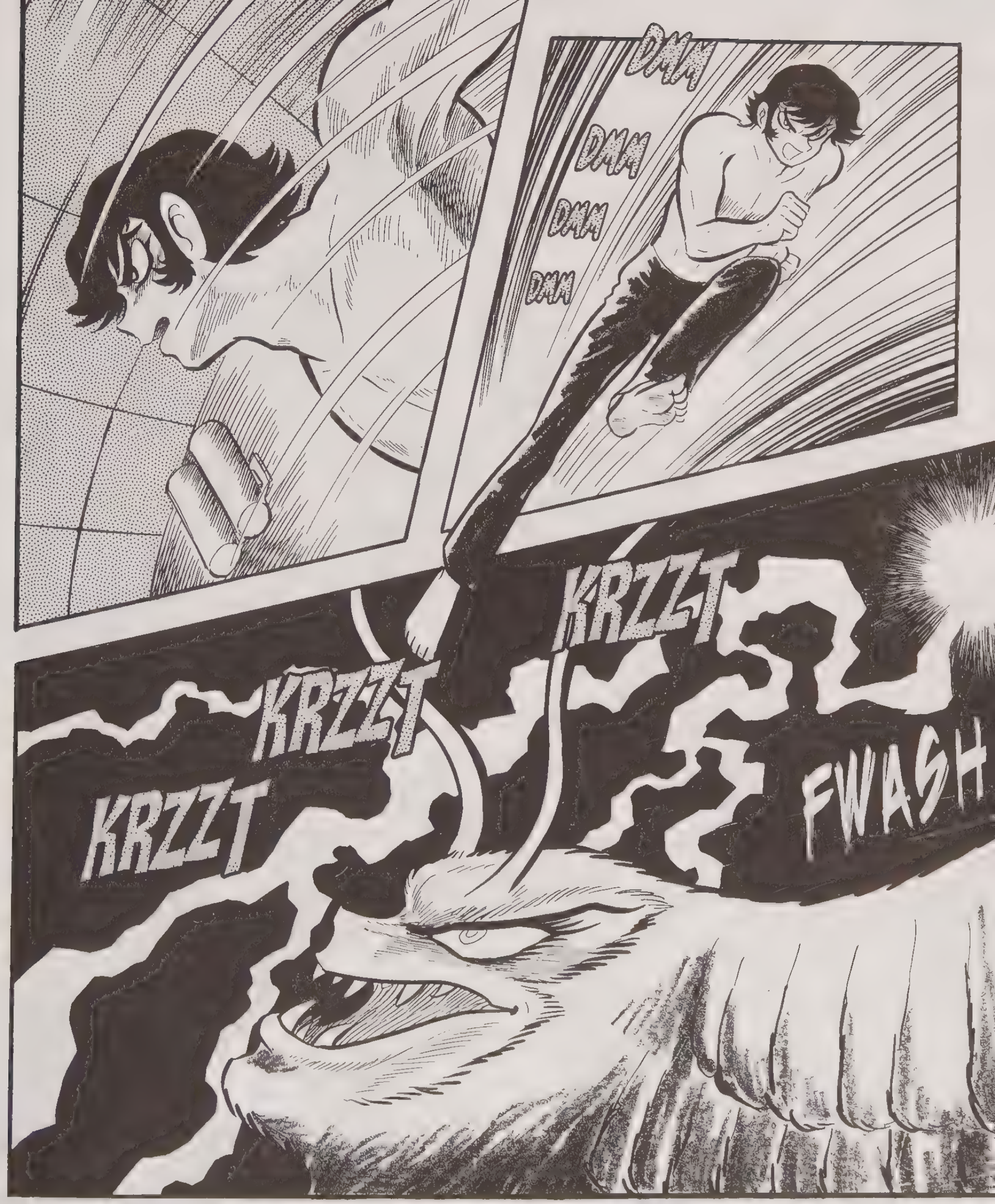

KYAAA-!!


RING!
RING !!


BY GREAT DEMON LORD ZENON!
FROM NOW ON...
THIS HOUSE SHALL BE A NEST OF HELL, *CURSED* BY THE HARPY SIRENE!!


IT RINGS!
BWAM
THE GONG OF WAR!!


AH... AHH!
DANGLE
UNCLE...
WHA ...?!
HIS HEAD... PHASED INTO THE CEILING...!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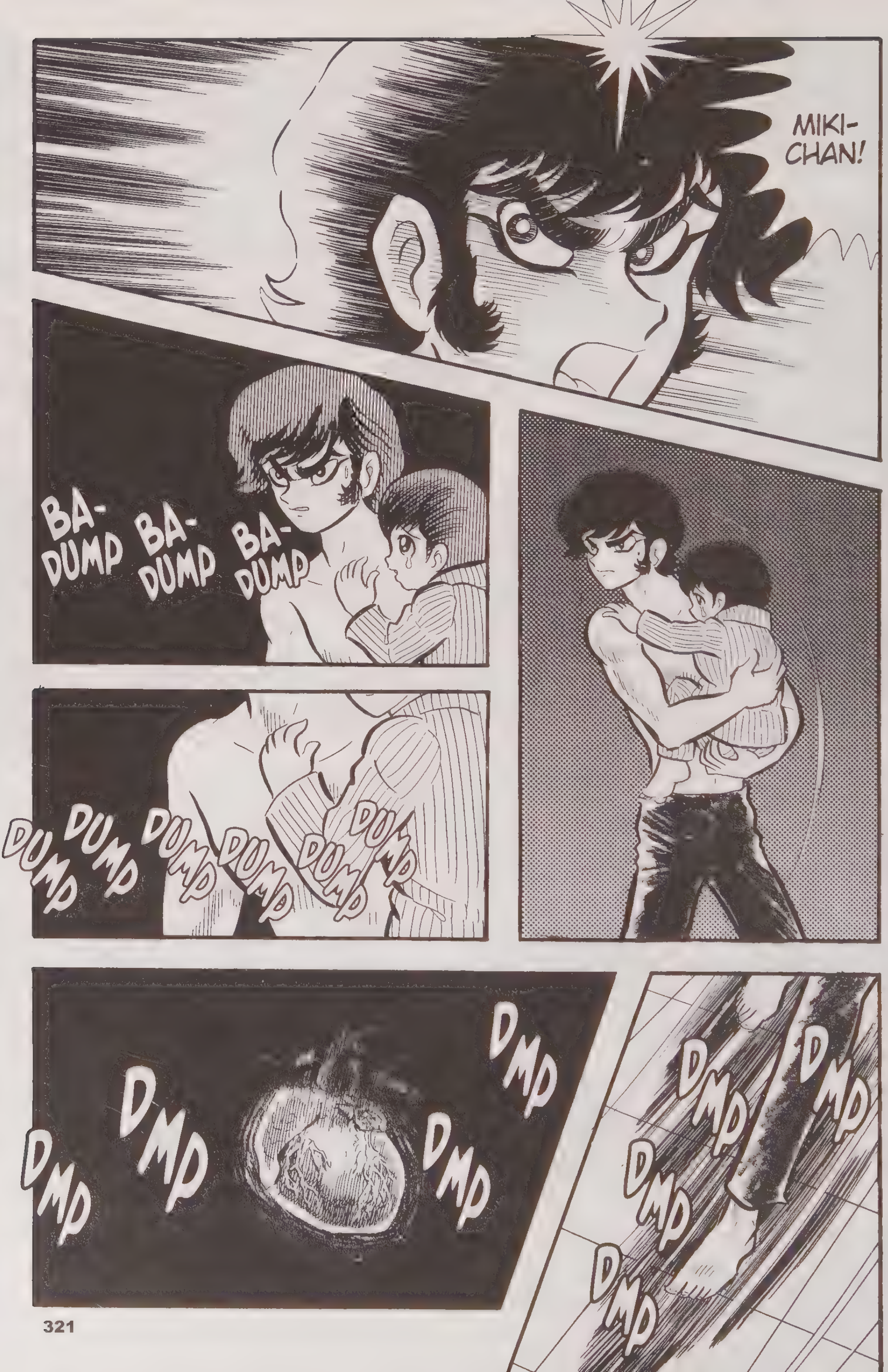
KRZZT
FWASH
KRZZT
KRZZT


MIKI-CHAN!
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
DUMP DUMP DUMP DUMP DUMP DUMP
DMP DMP DMP DMP
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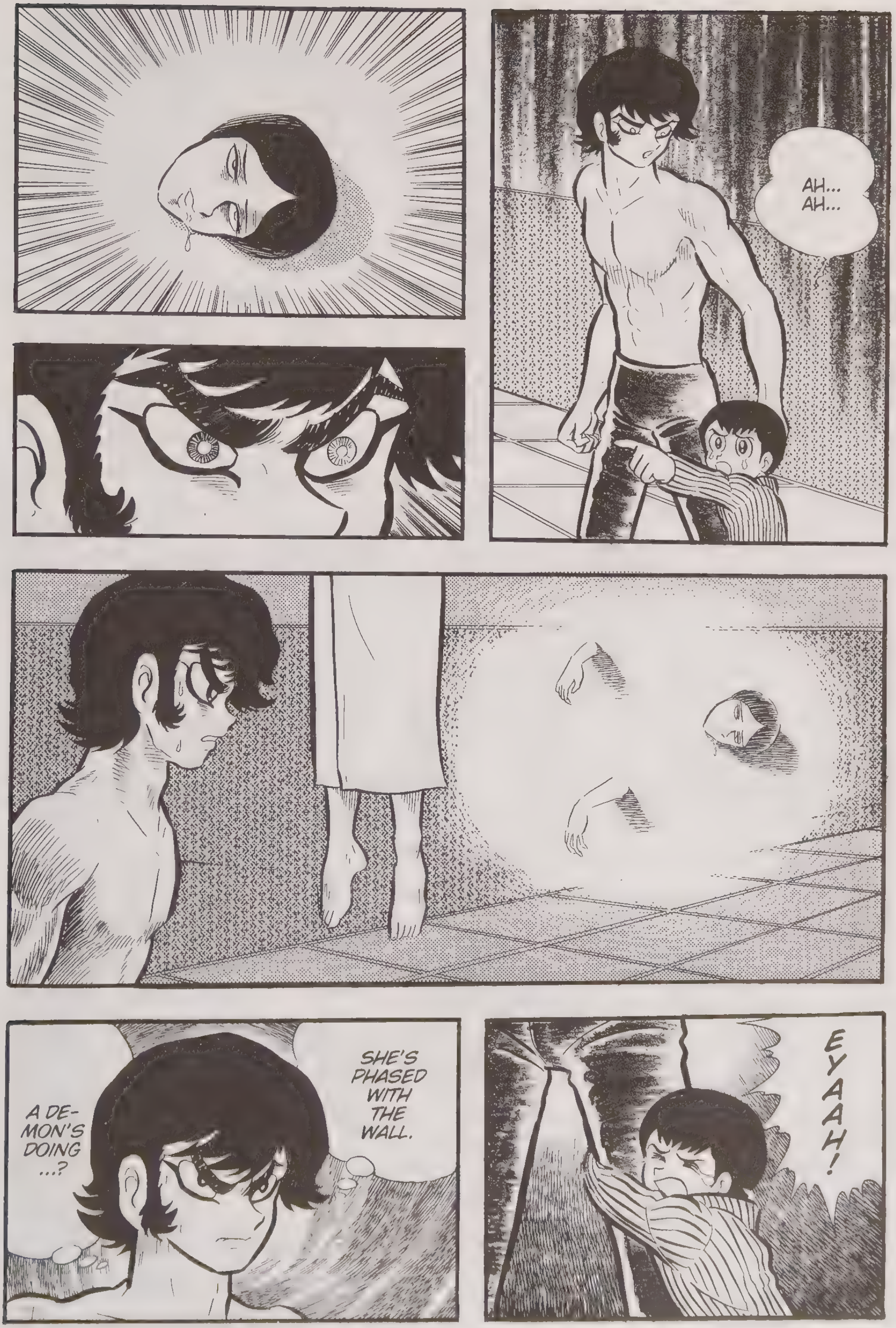
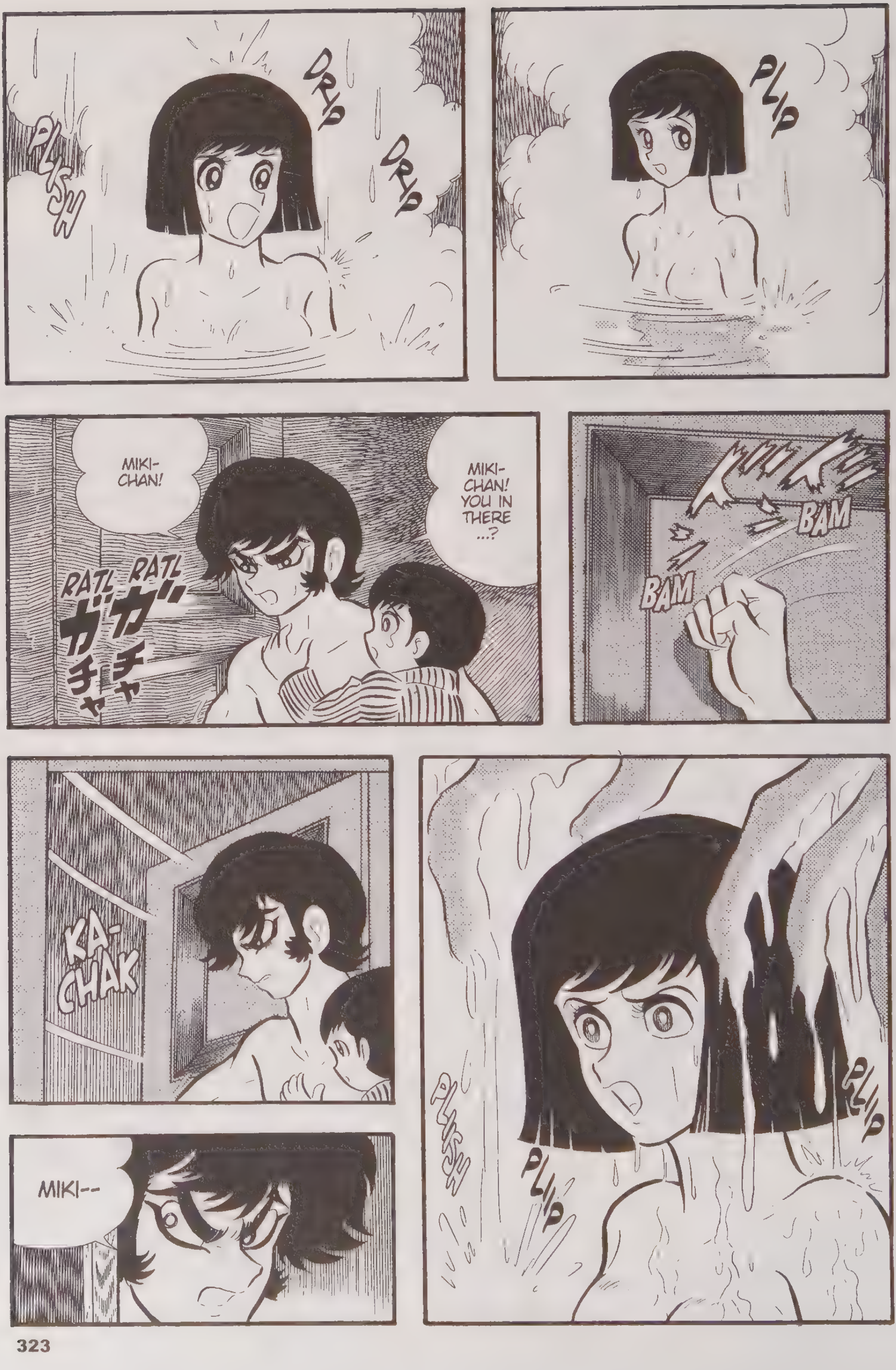
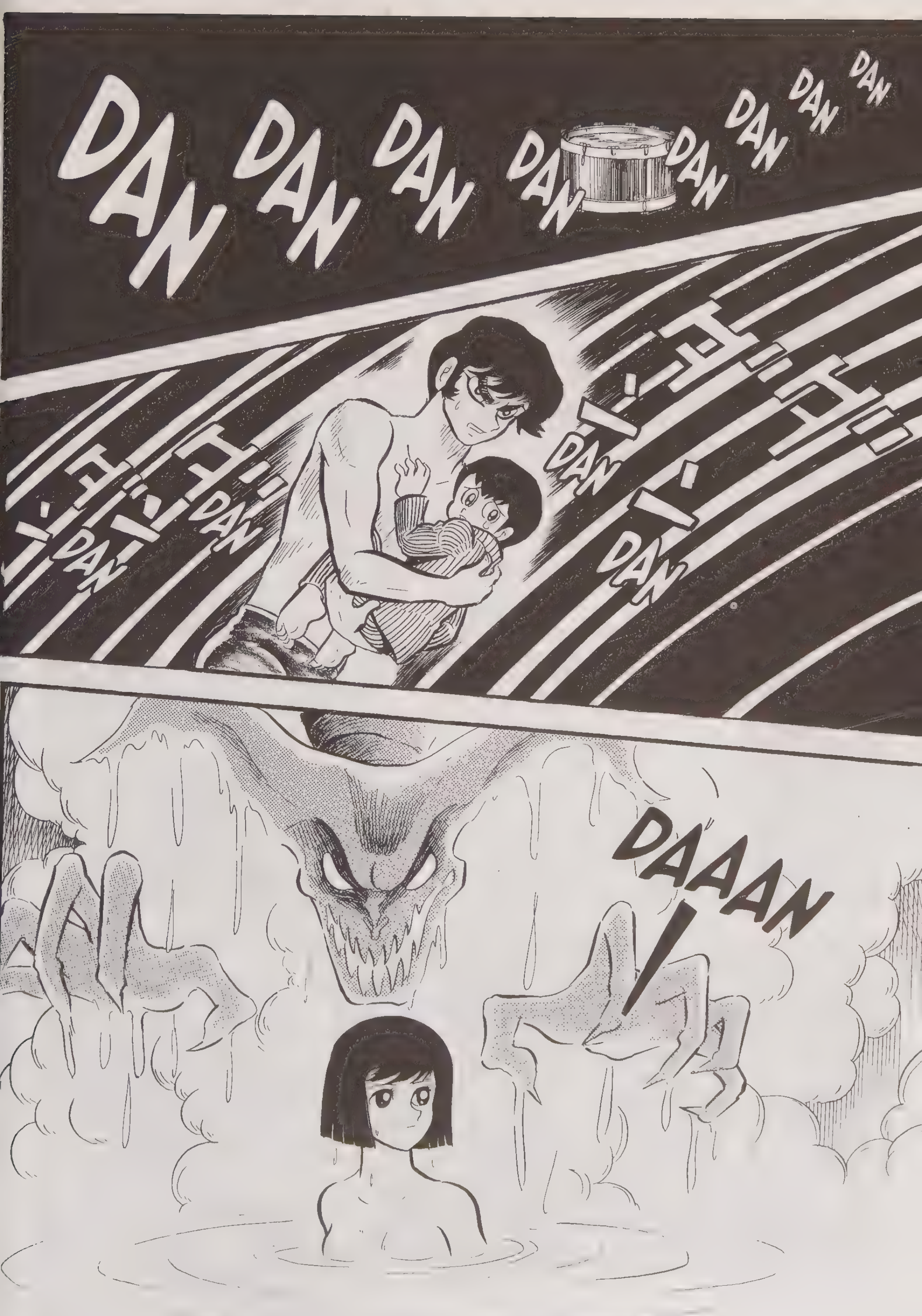

AH... AH...
EYAAAH!
SHE'S PHASED WITH THE WALL.
A DEMON'S DOING ...?


PLIP
DRIP
DRIP
PLISH
BAM
BAM
MIKI-CHAN! YOU IN THERE ...?
MIKI-CHAN!
RATL RATL
ガチャガチャ
PLIP
PLIP
PLISH
KA-CHAK
MIKI--


DAN DAN DAN DAN DAN DAN DAN DAN
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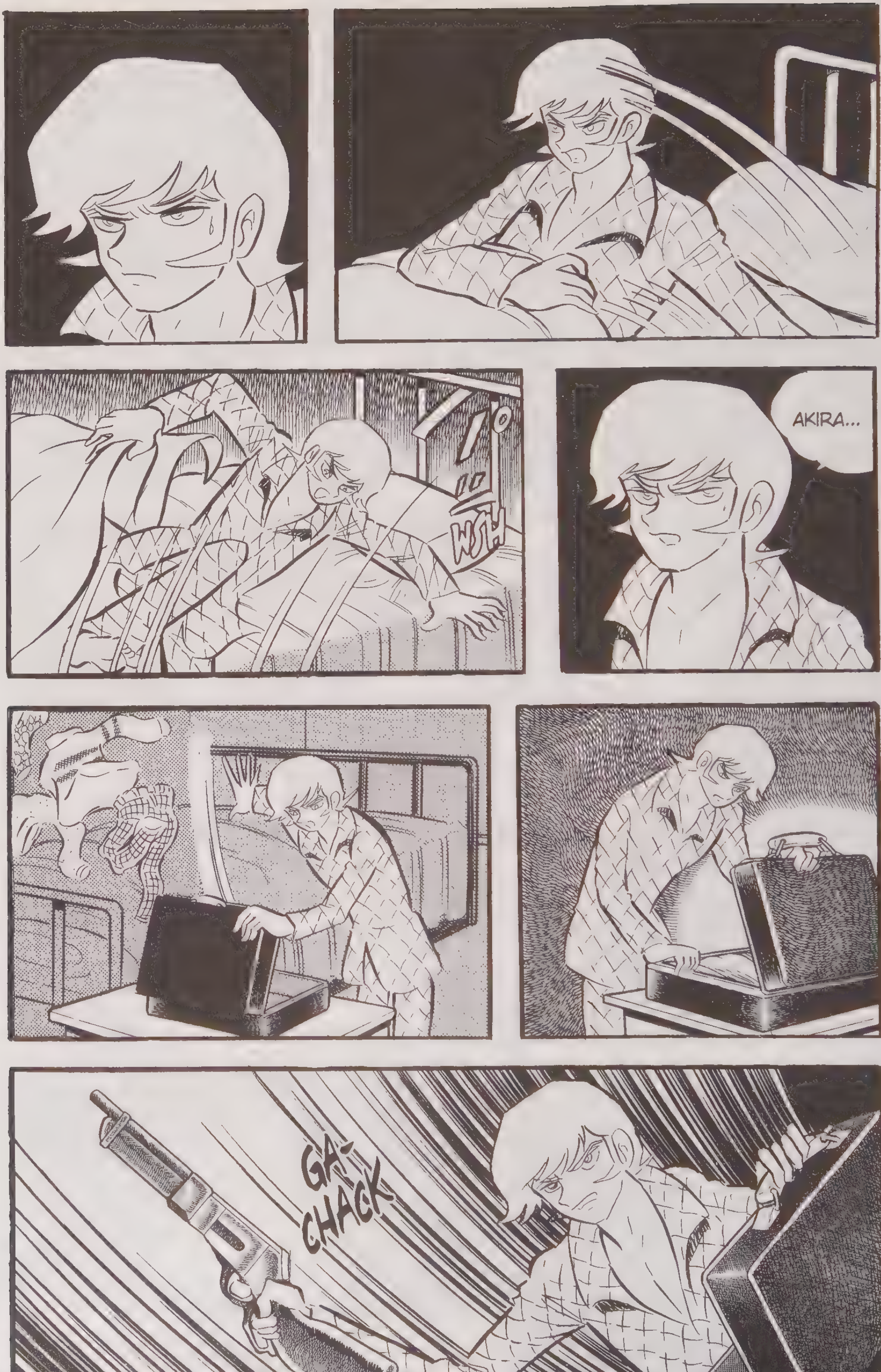
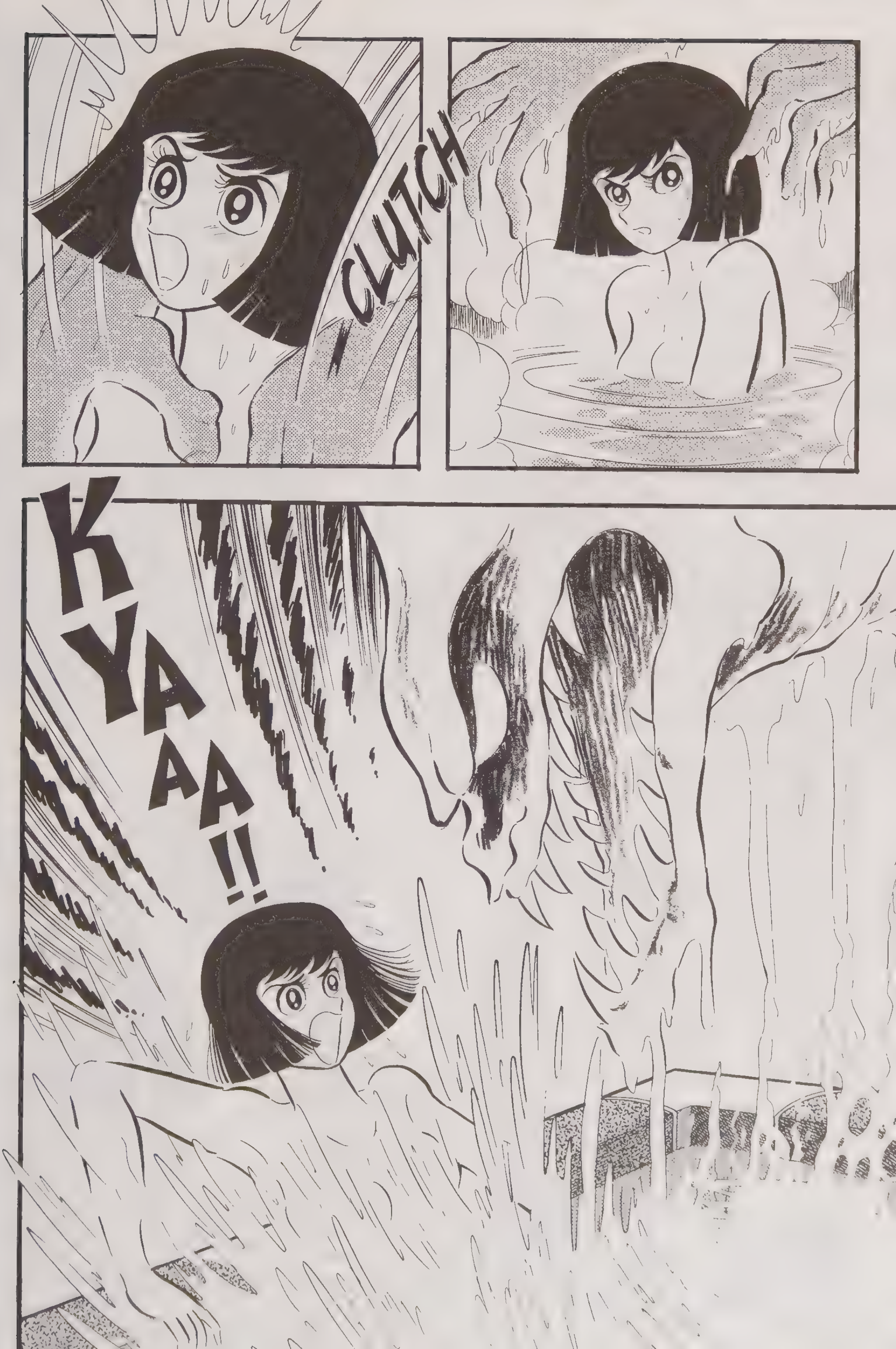
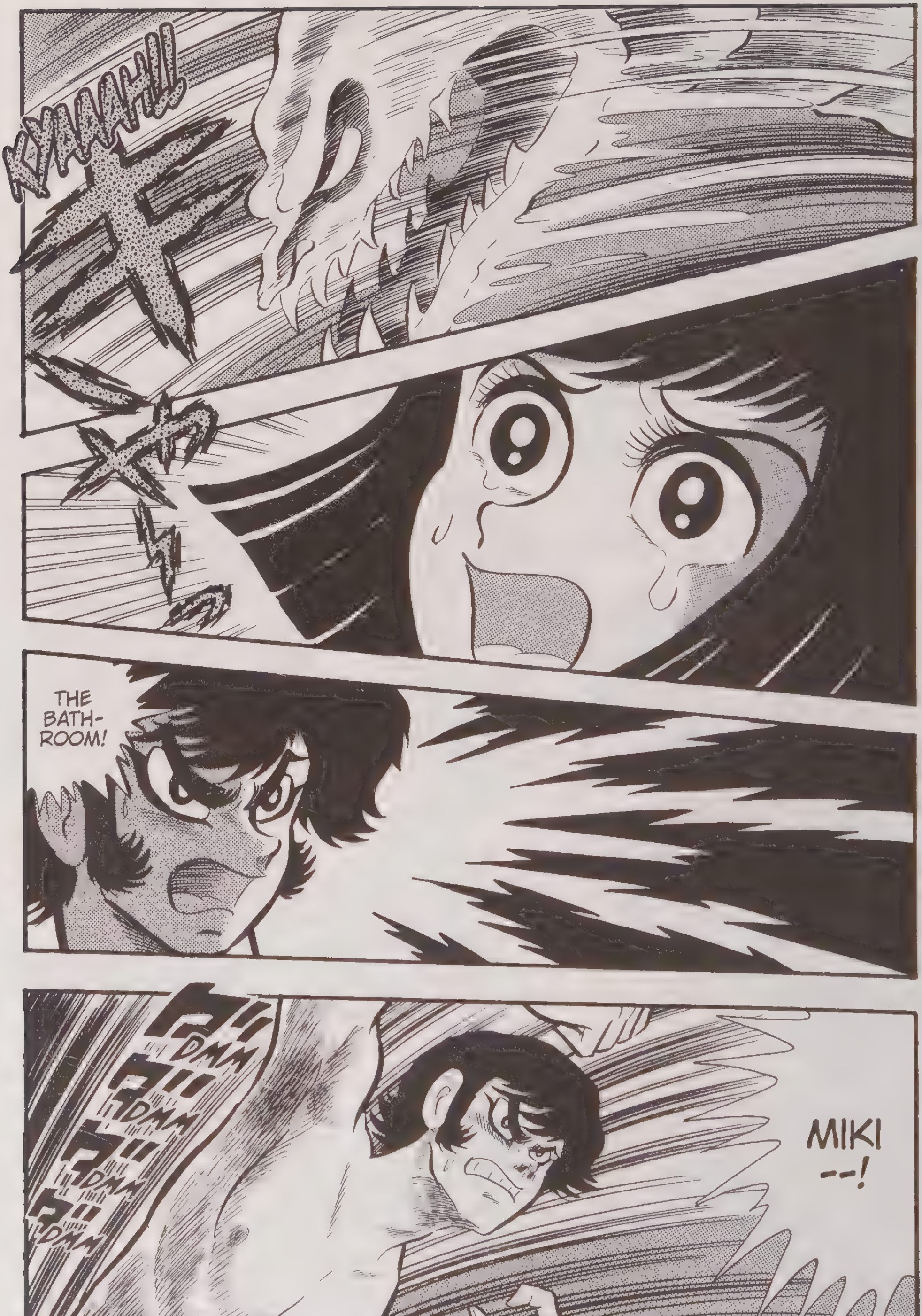
DAAAN!


WSH
AKIRA...
GA-CHACK


CLUTCH
KYAAA!!


KYAAAH!!
THE BATH-ROOM!
MIKI--!
DMM
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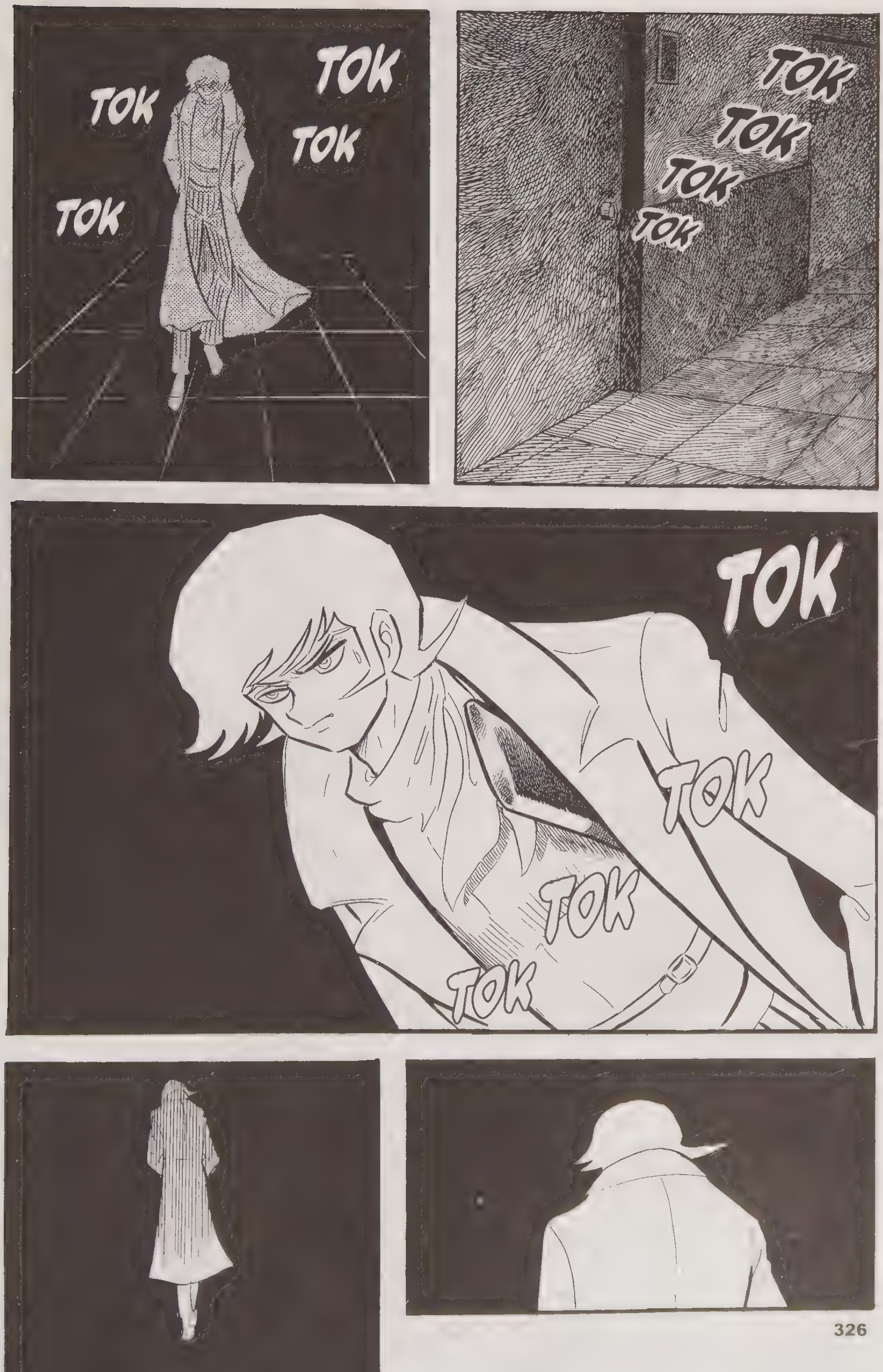
TOK
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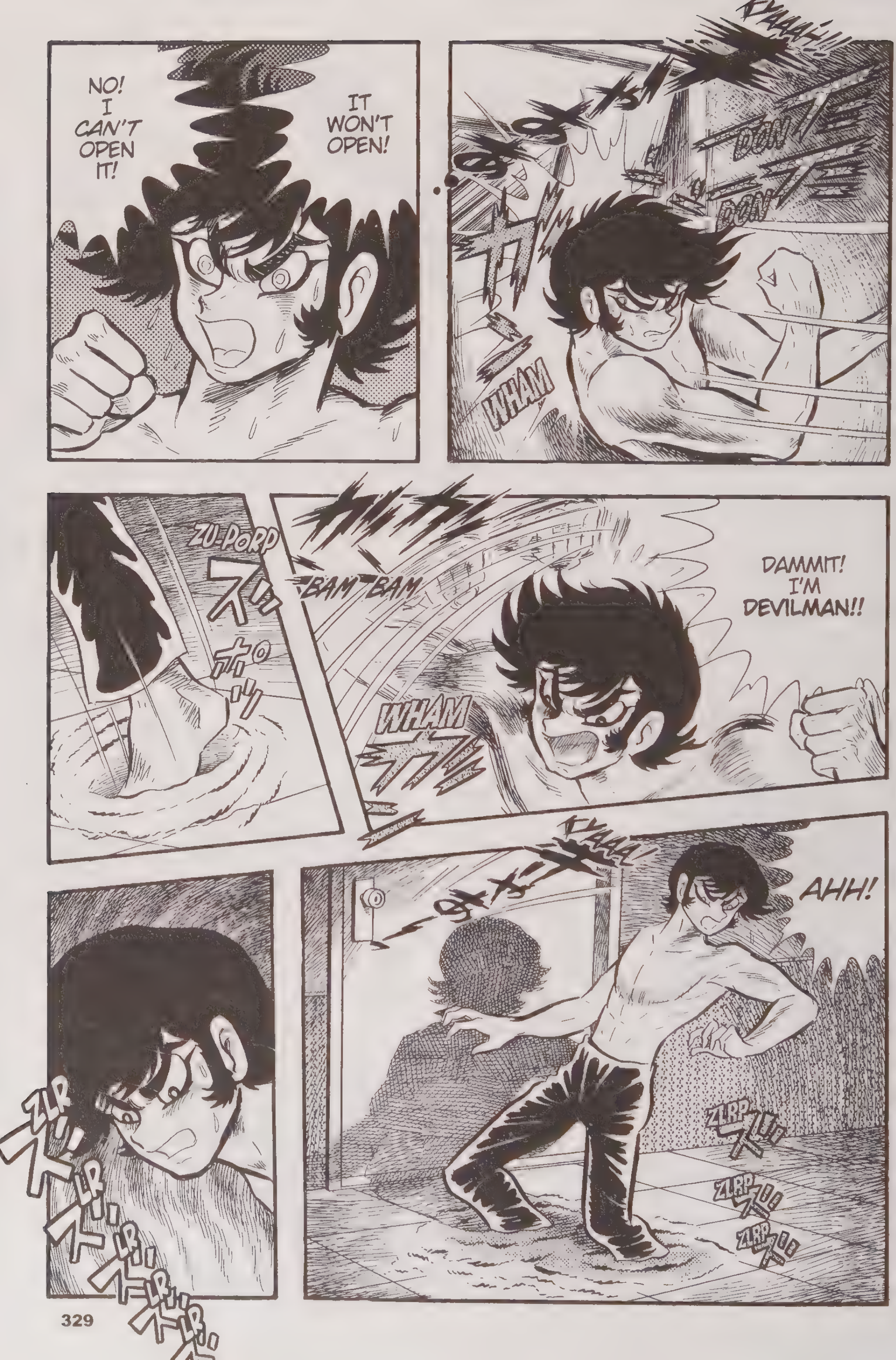
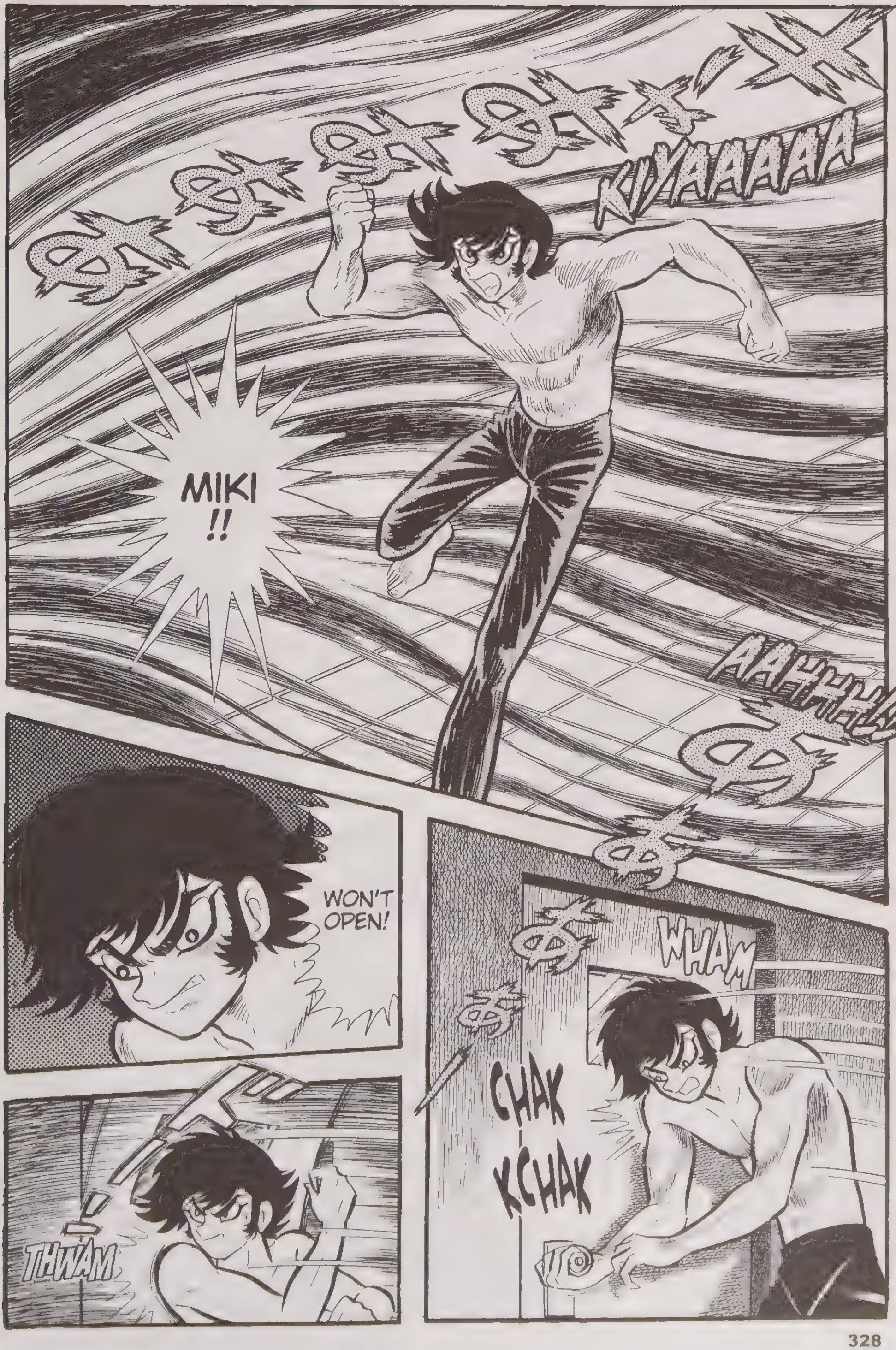
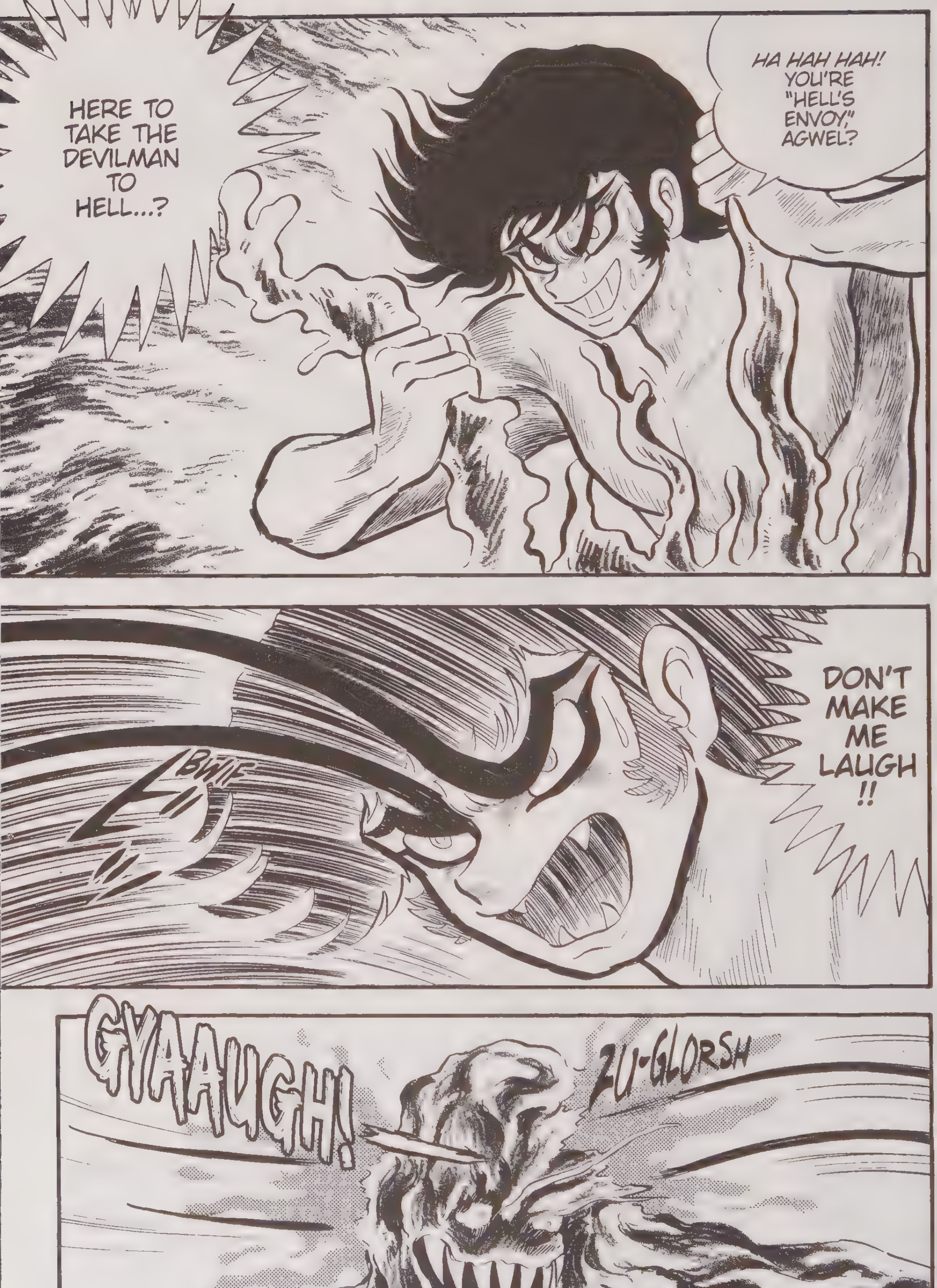
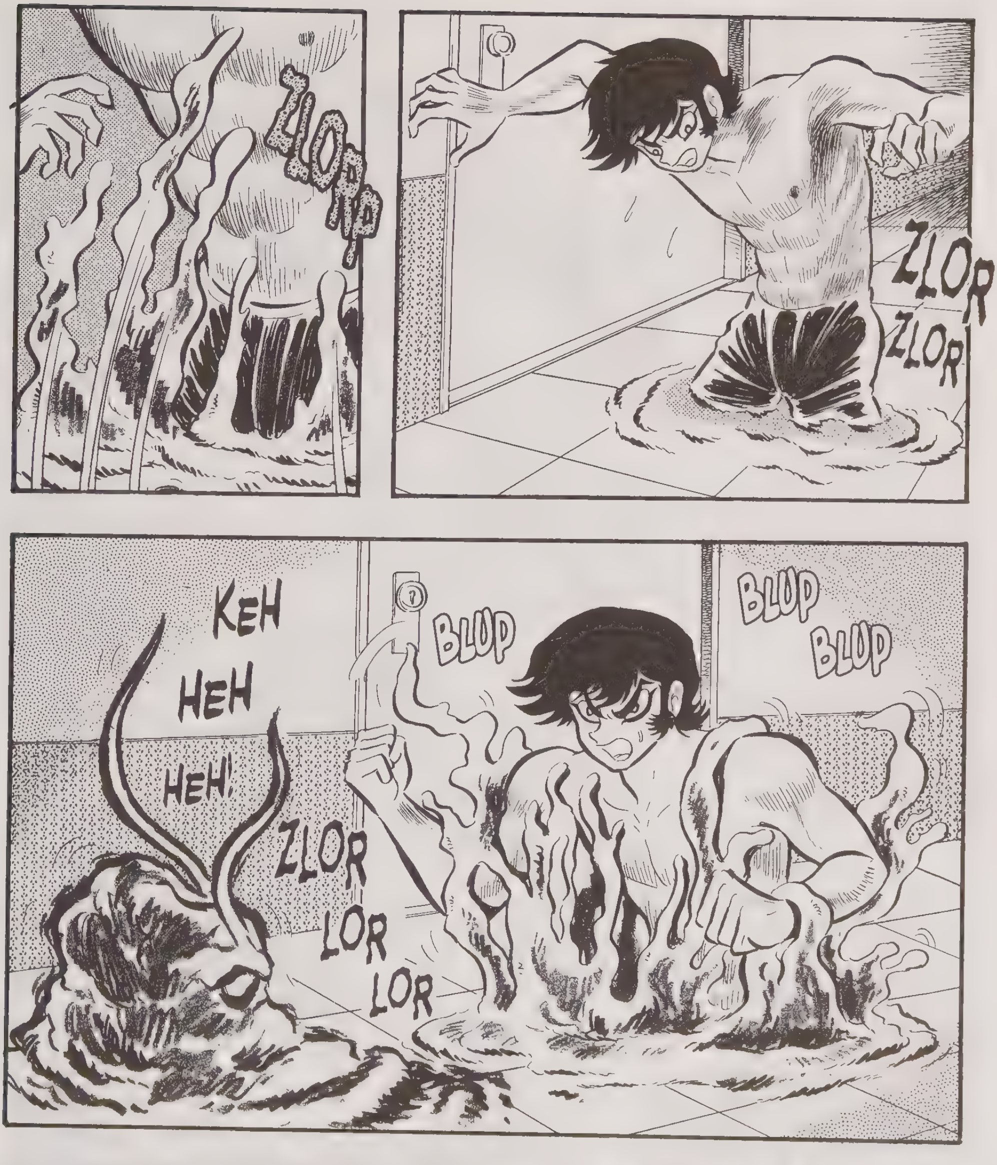
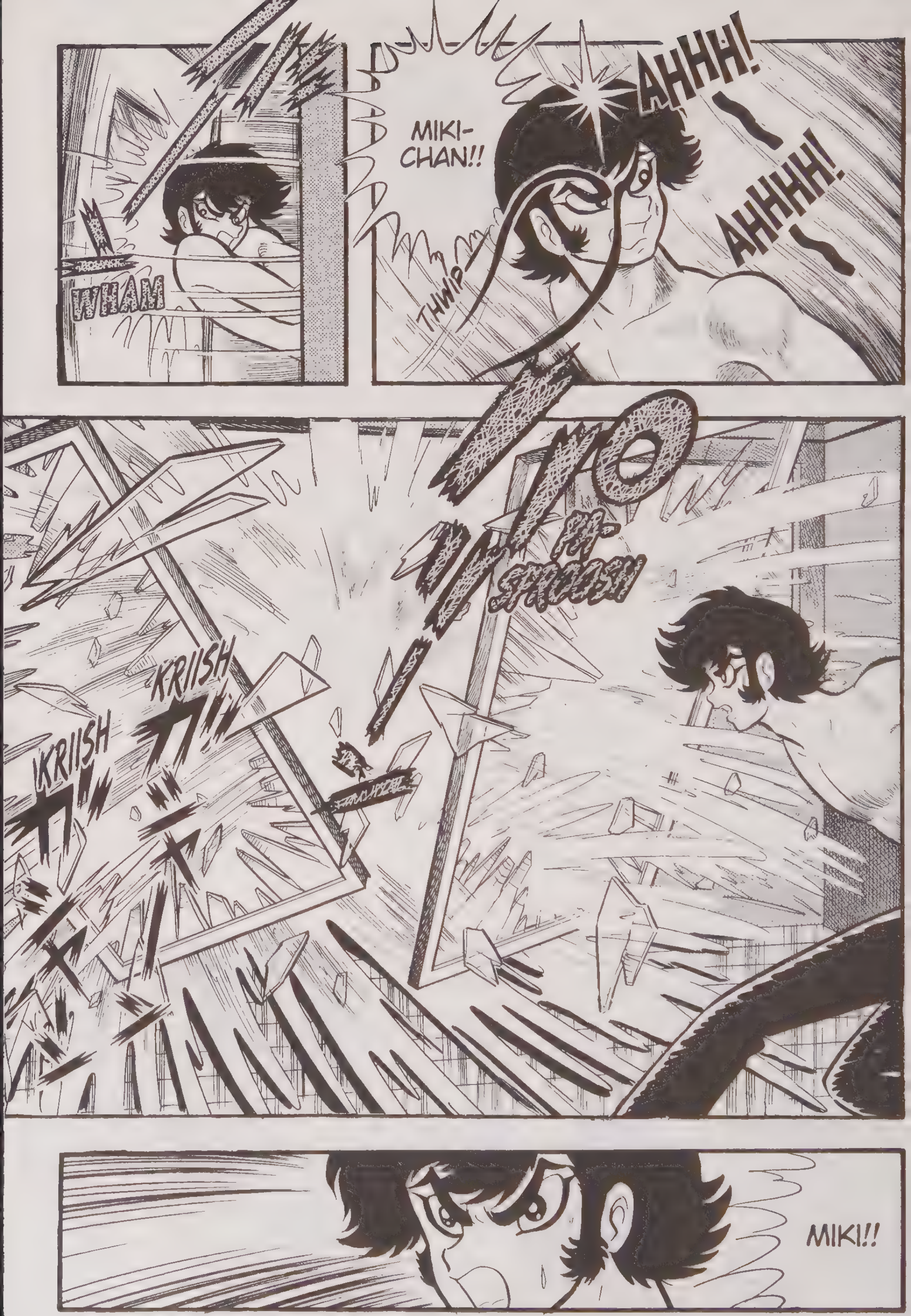
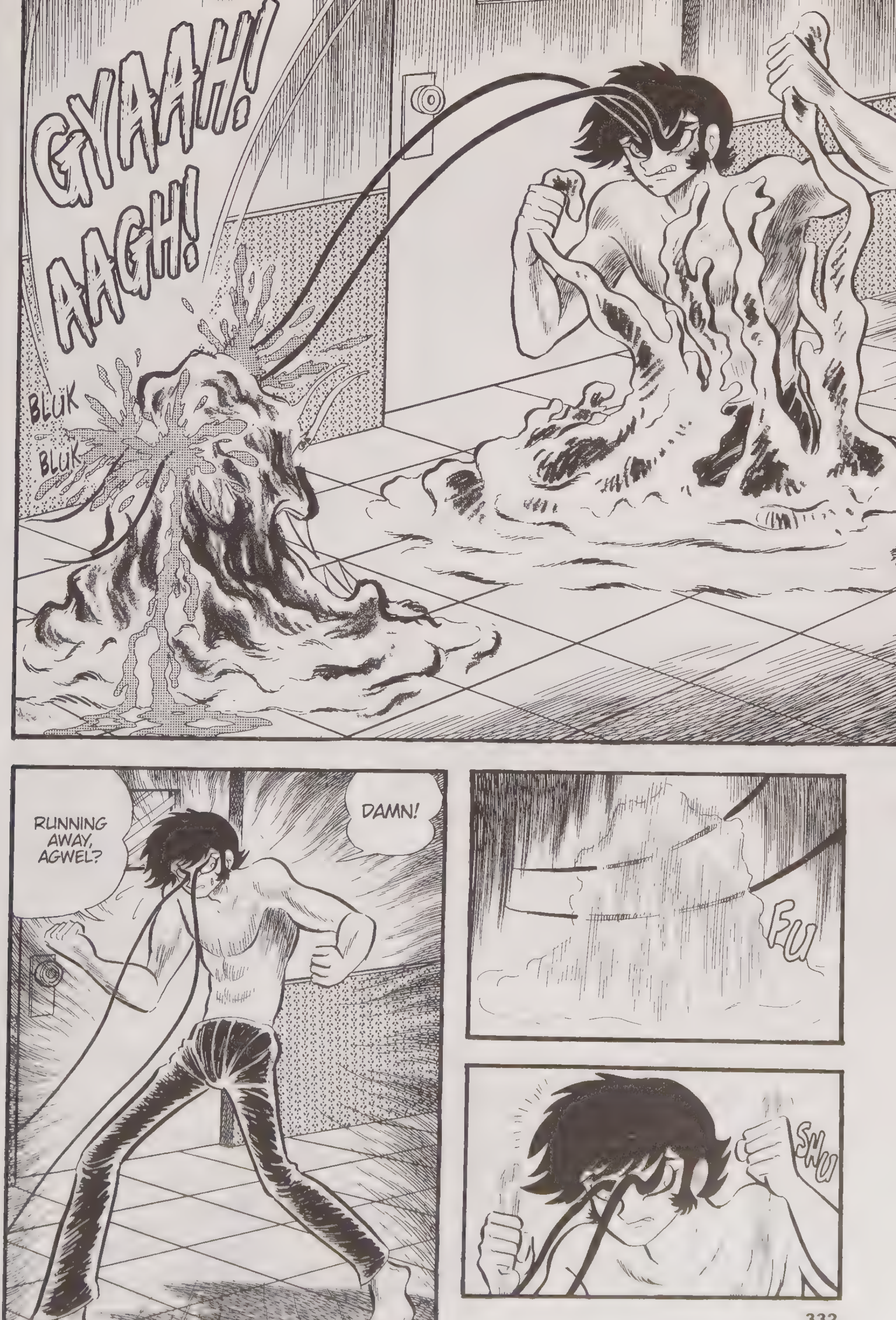

NO! I CAN'T OPEN IT!
IT WON'T OPEN!
KYAAA!
DON
DON
WHAM
ZU-PORP
BAM
BAM
WHAM
DAMMIT! I'M DEVILMAN!!
KYAAA!
AHH!
ZLRP
ZLRP
ZLRP
ZLR
LR
LR
LR
LR

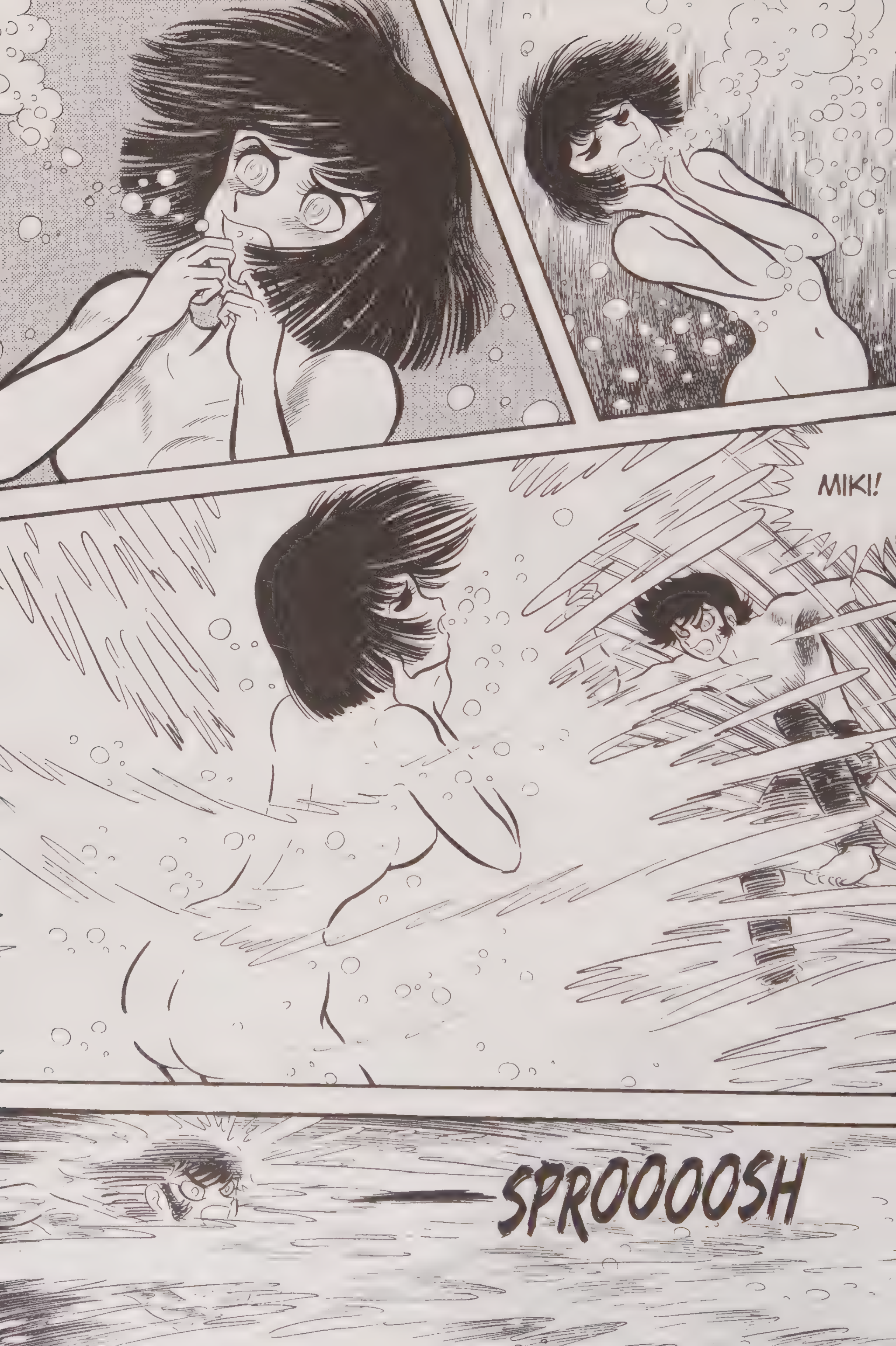

KIYAAAAA
MIKI !!
AAHHHH!!
WHAM
CHAK KCHAK
WON'T OPEN!
THWAM

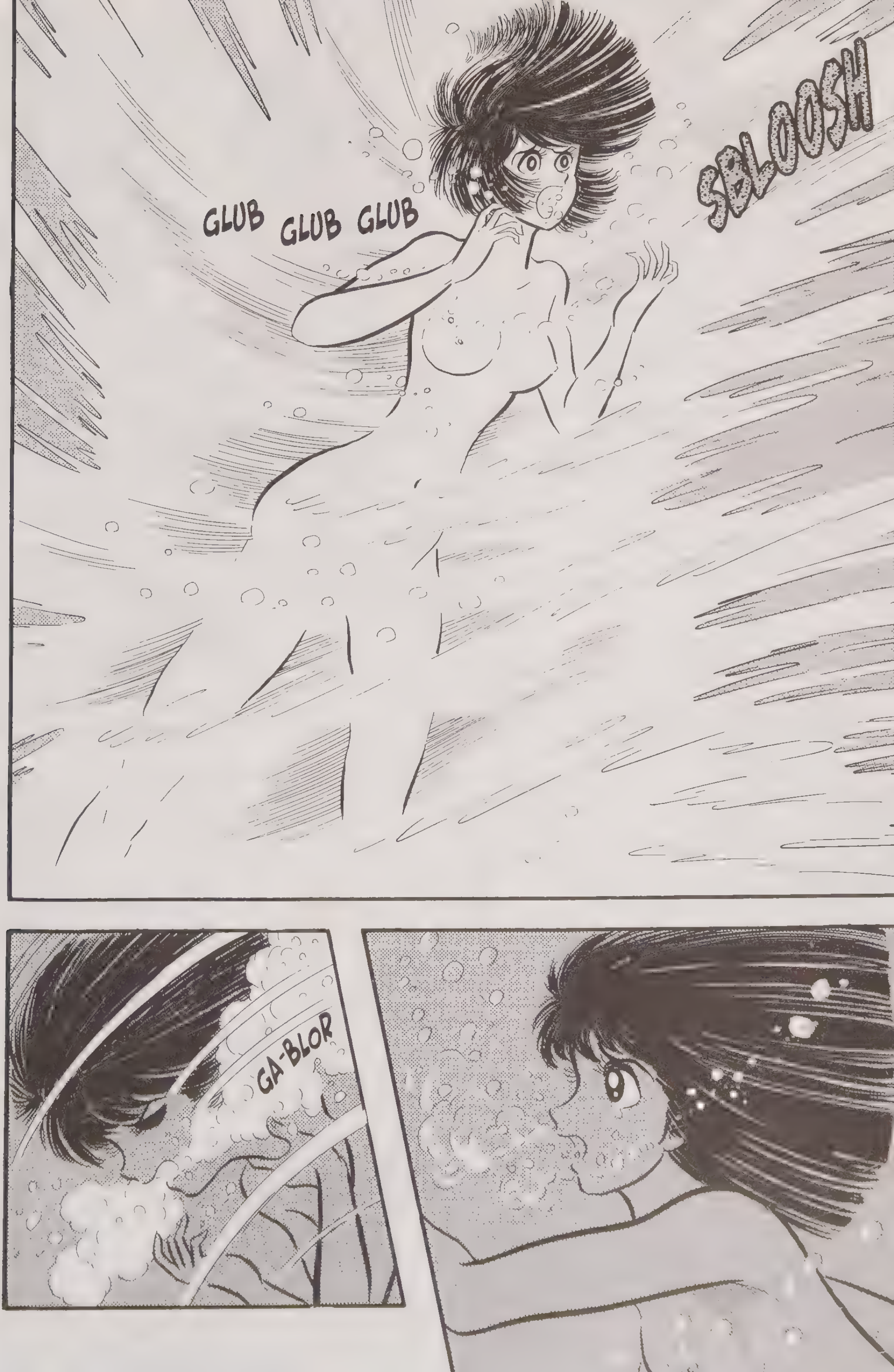

HA HAH HAH! YOU'RE "HELL'S ENVOY," AGWEL?
HERE TO TAKE THE DEVILMAN TO HELL...?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!!
BWIF
ZU-GLORSH
GYAAUGH!

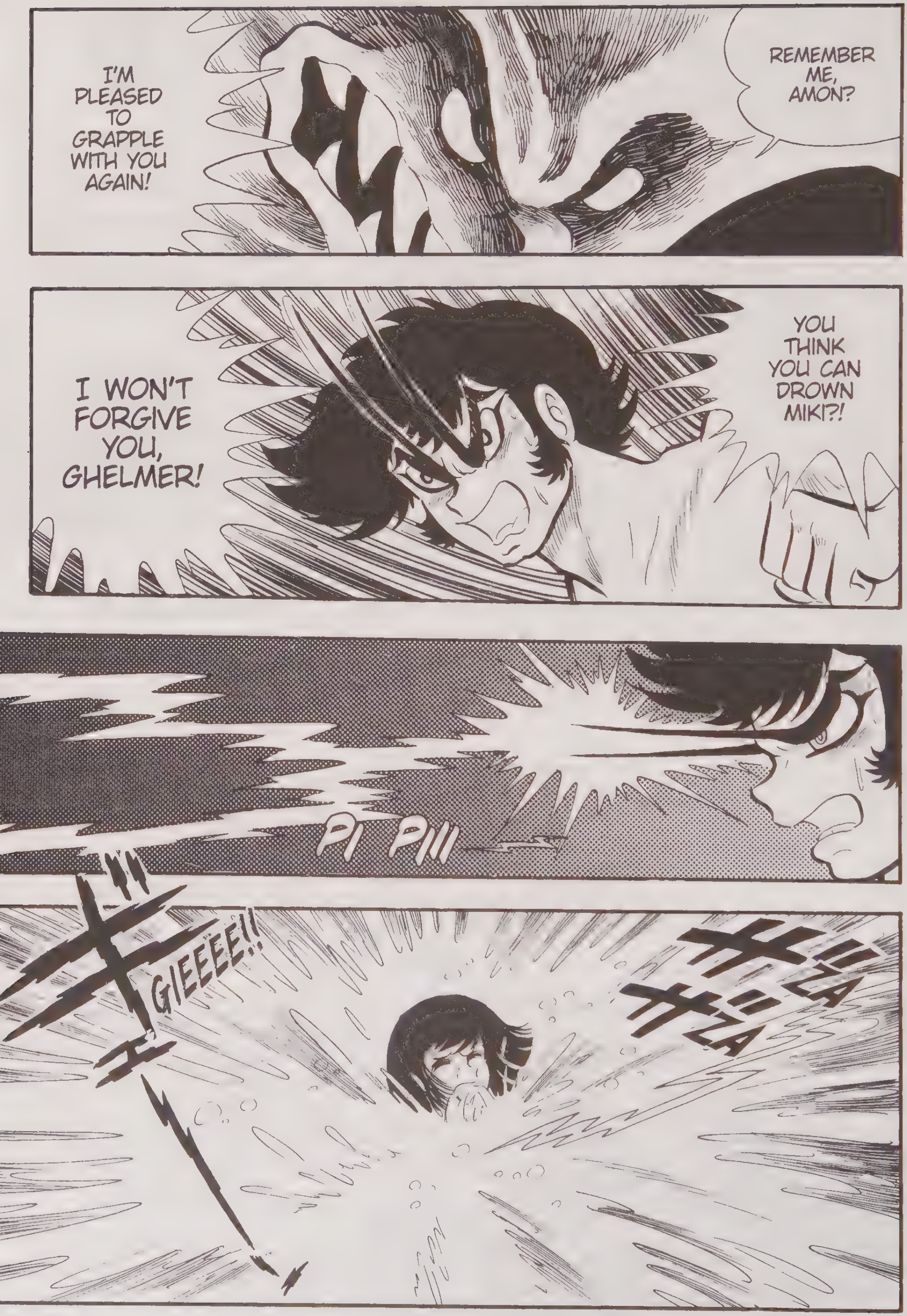

ZLORRP
ZLOR
ZLOR
KEH
HEH
HEH!
ZLOR
LOR
LOR
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
HELL'S ENVOY, **AGWEL**, AT YOUR SERVICE. HERE TO GUIDE YOU TO THE DEEPEST PITS.

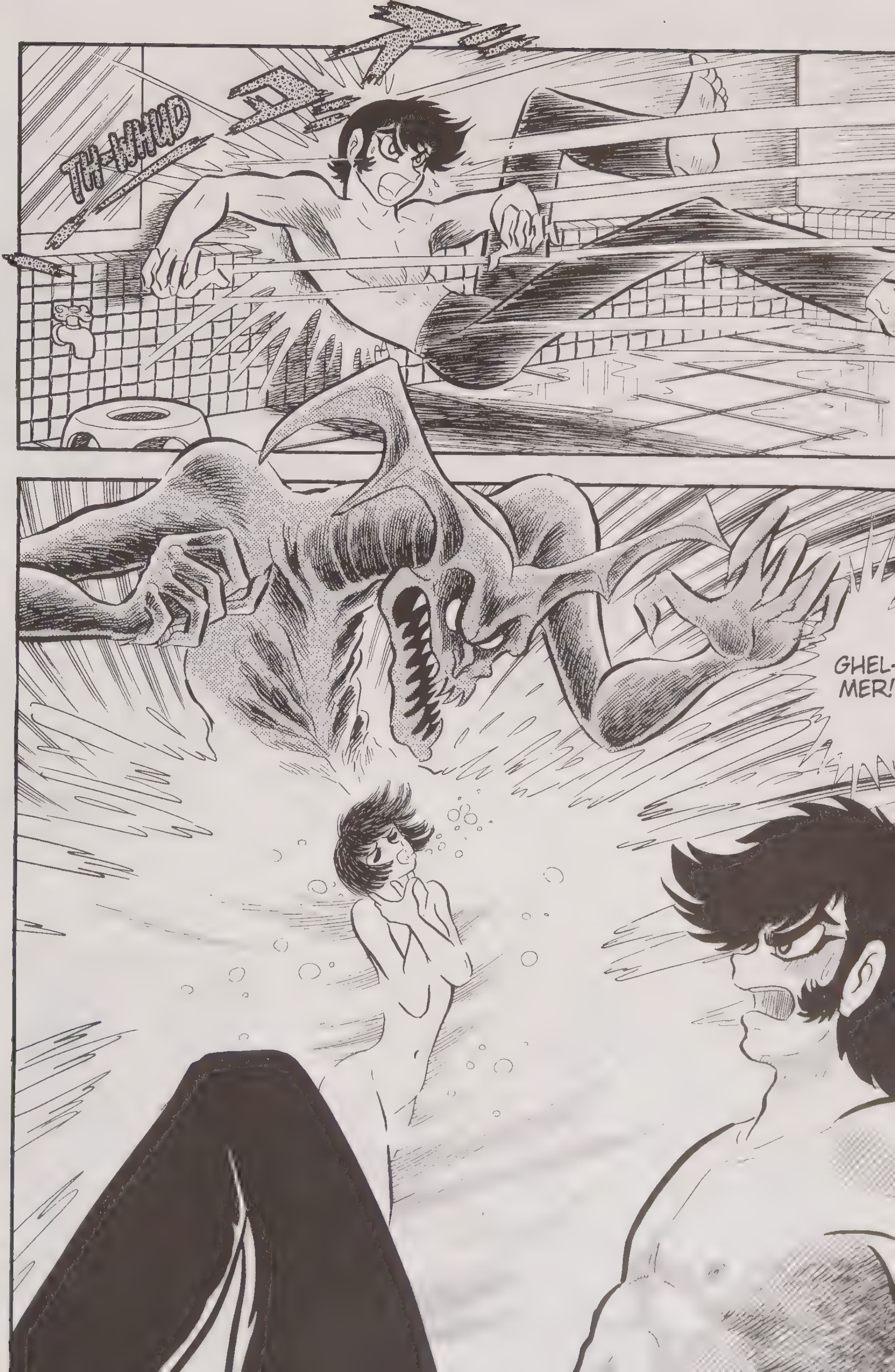

AHHH!
AHHHH!
MIKI-CHAN!!
THWIP
WHAM
NO
SPLOOSH
KRIISH
KRIISH
MIKI!!

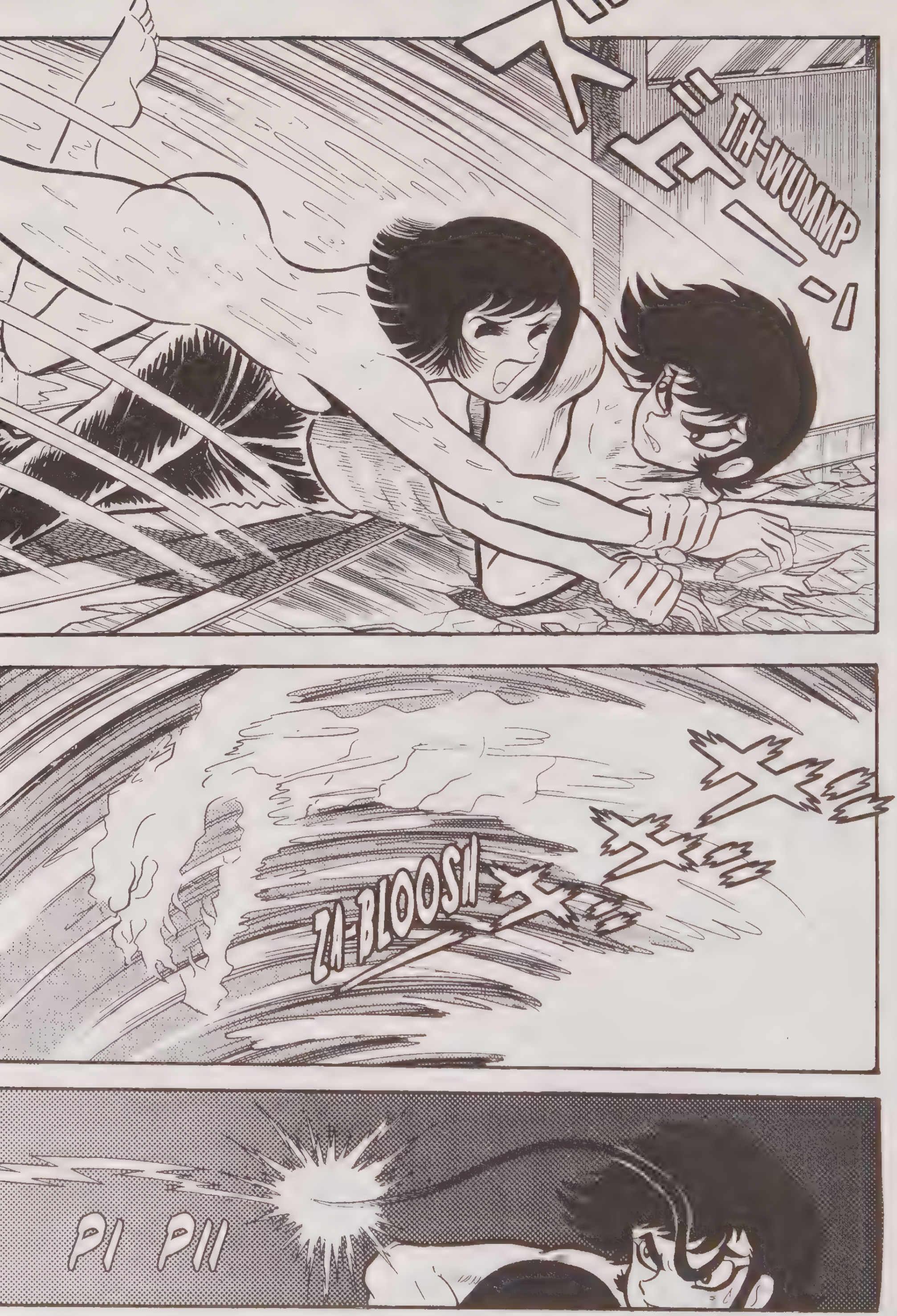

GYAAH! AAGH!
BLUK
BLUK
FU
SHU
DAMN!
RUNNING AWAY, AGWEL?


MIKI!
SPROOOOSH


SBLOOSH
GLUB GLUB GLUB
GA-BLOR


REMEMBER ME, AMON?
I'M PLEASED TO GRAPPLE WITH YOU AGAIN!
YOU THINK YOU CAN DROWN MIKI?!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU, GHELMER!
PI PIII
ZA
ZA
GIEEEEE!!


TH-WHUD
GHEL-MER!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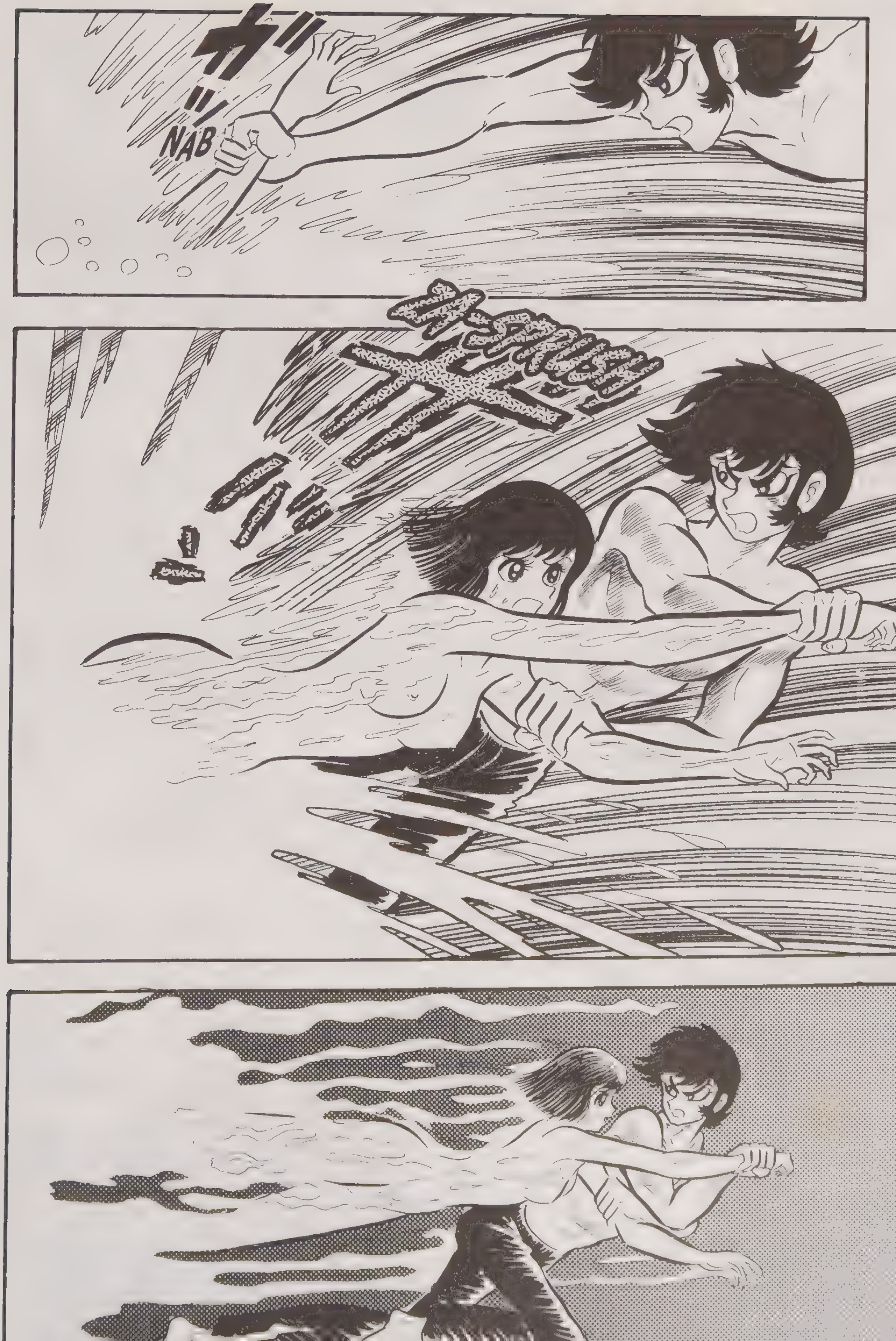
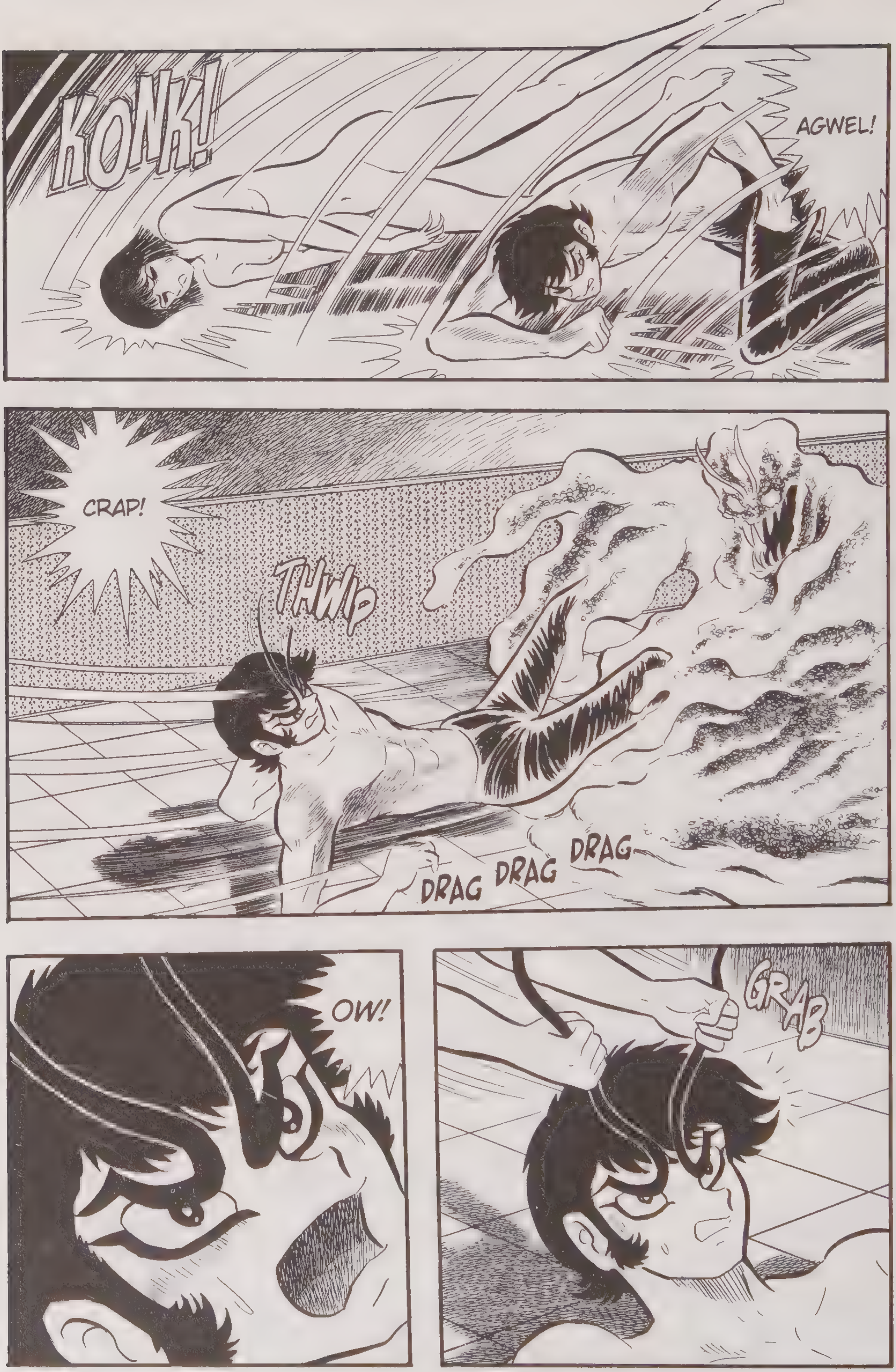
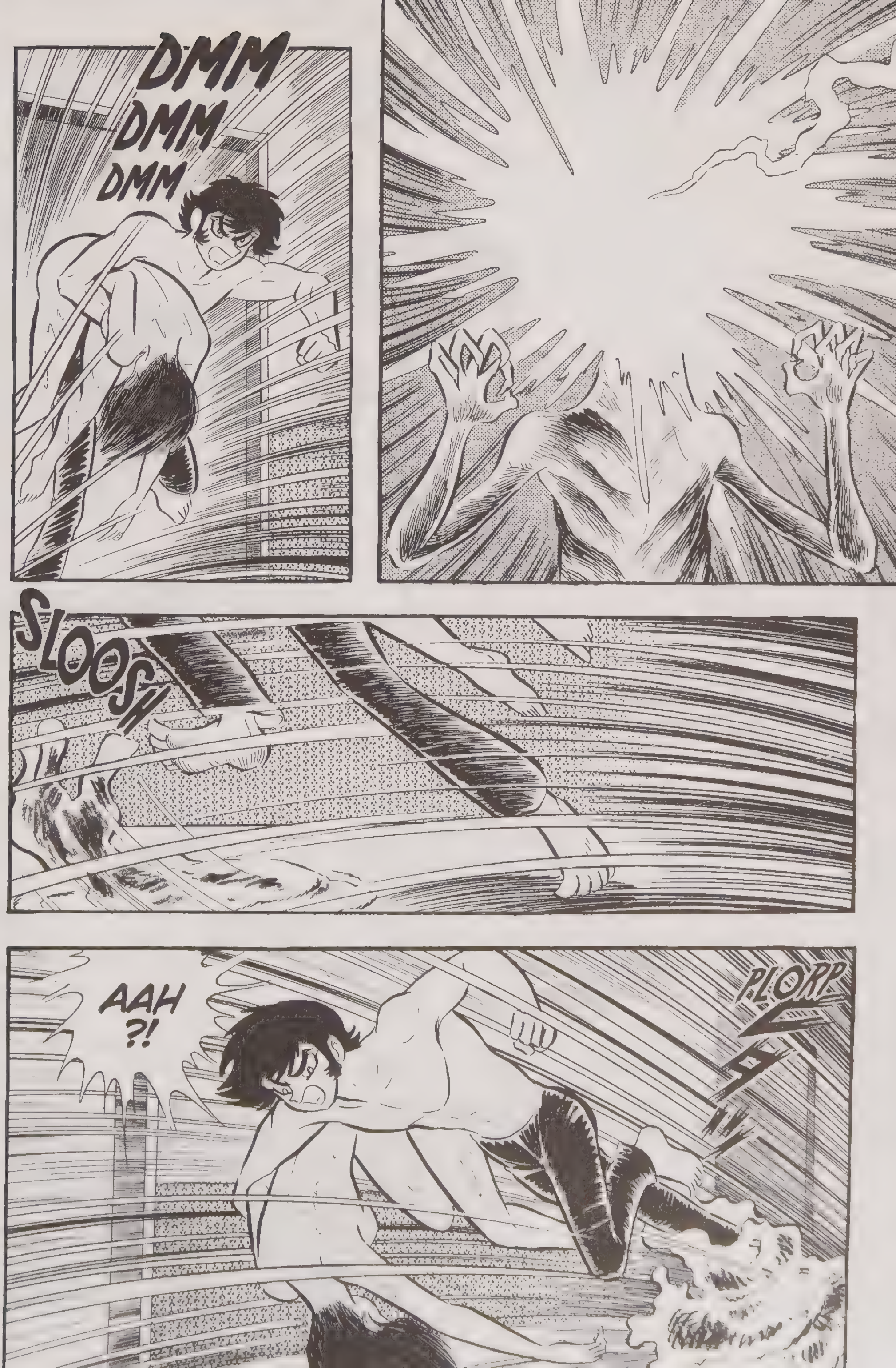
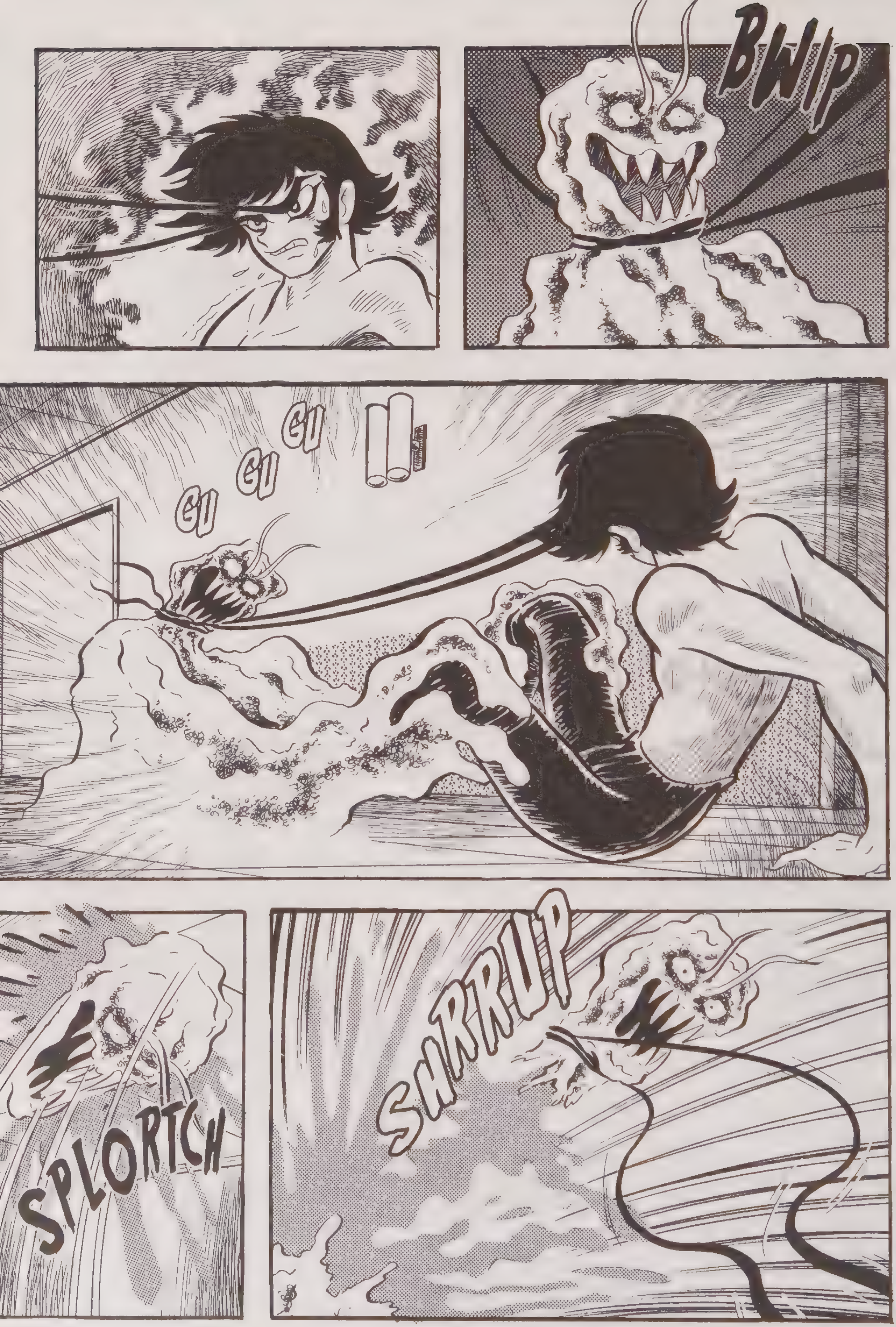
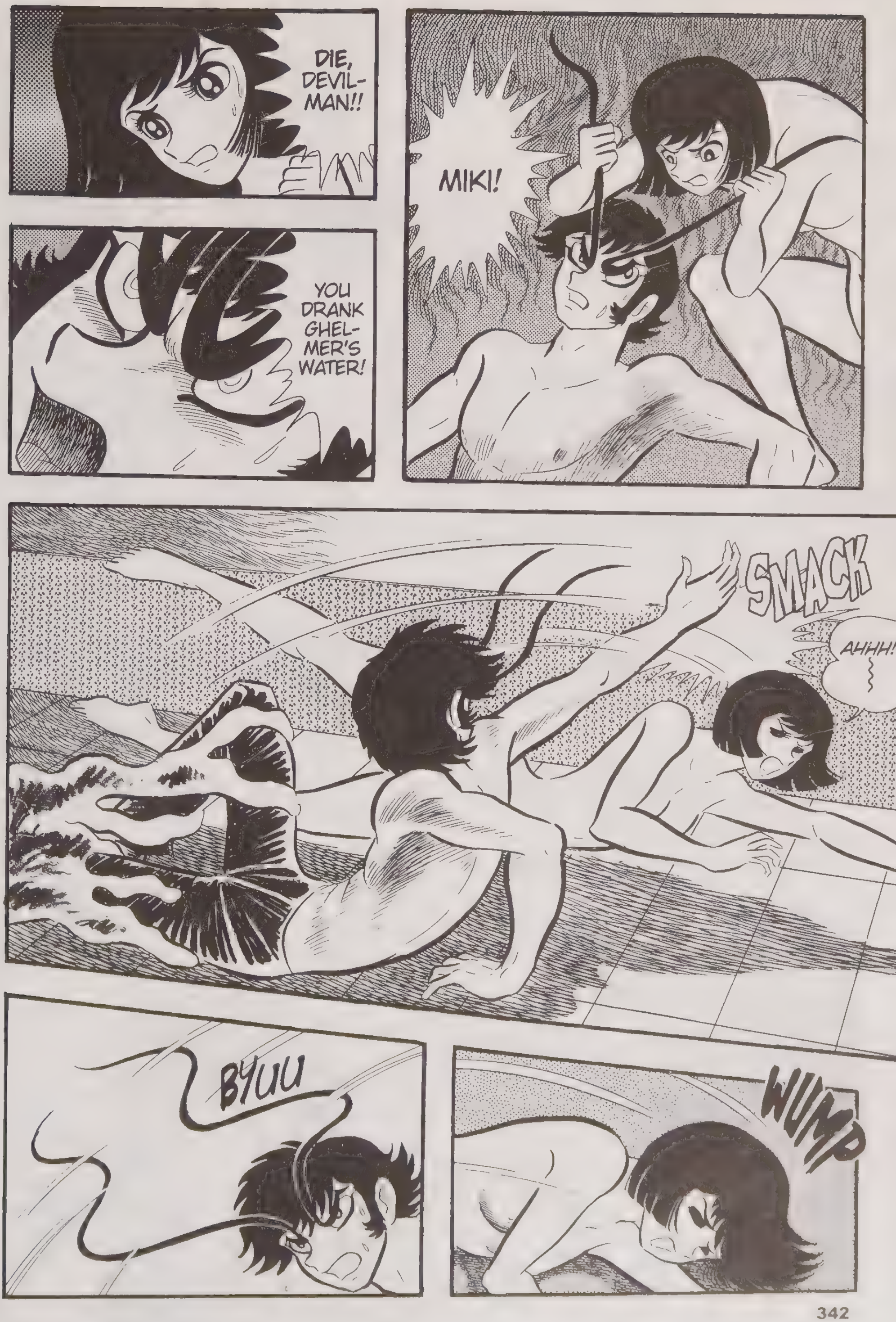
ZA-BLOOSH
PI PII

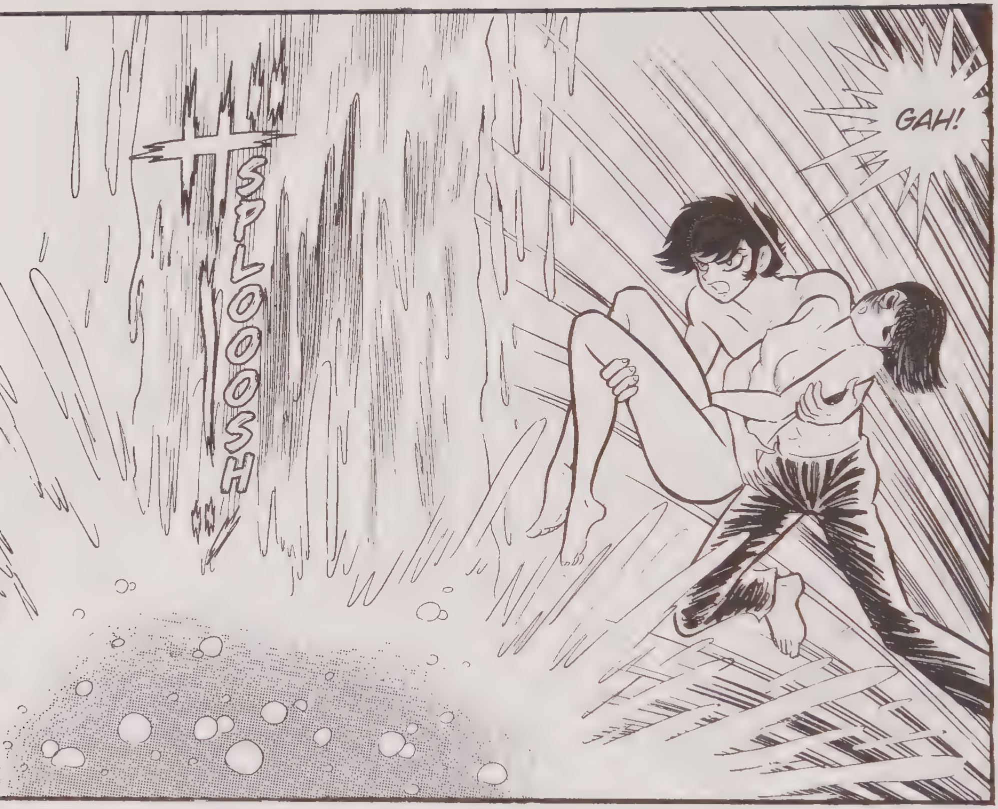

ガッ
NAB
SPLASH!

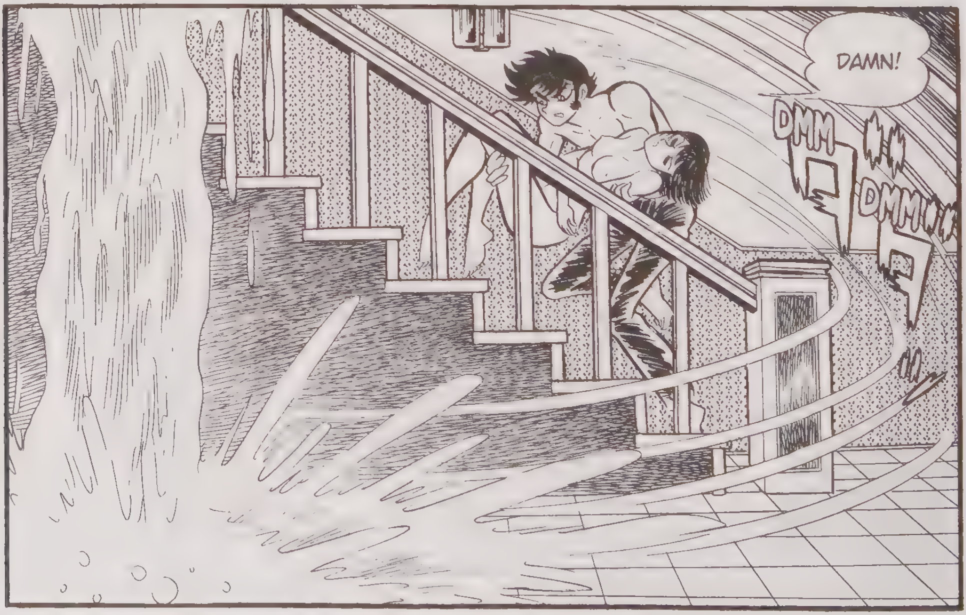

AGWEL!
KONK!
CRAP!
THWIP
DRAG DRAG DRAG
GRAB
OW!

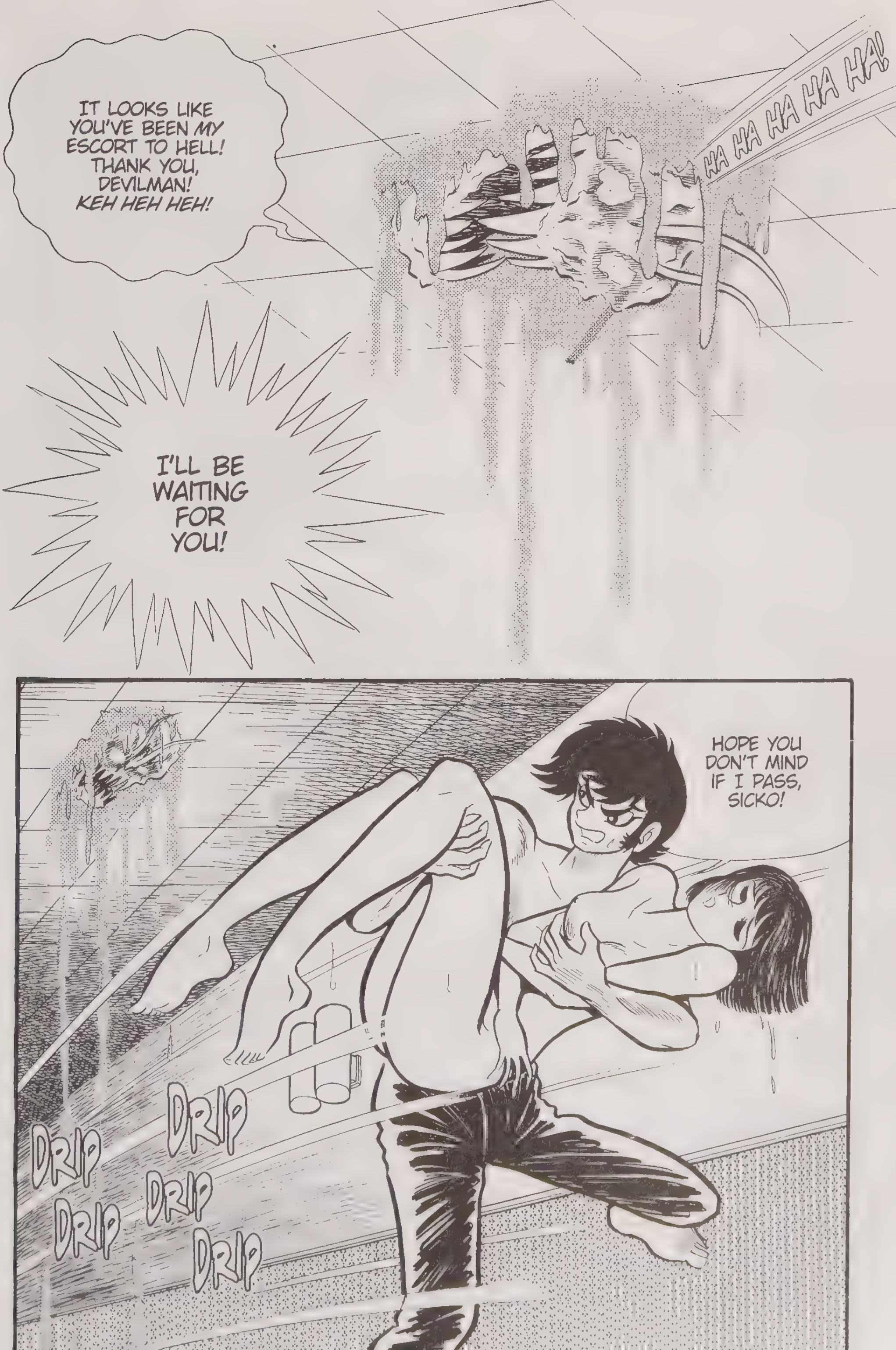

DMM
DMM
DMM
SLOOSH
PLORP
AAH ?!

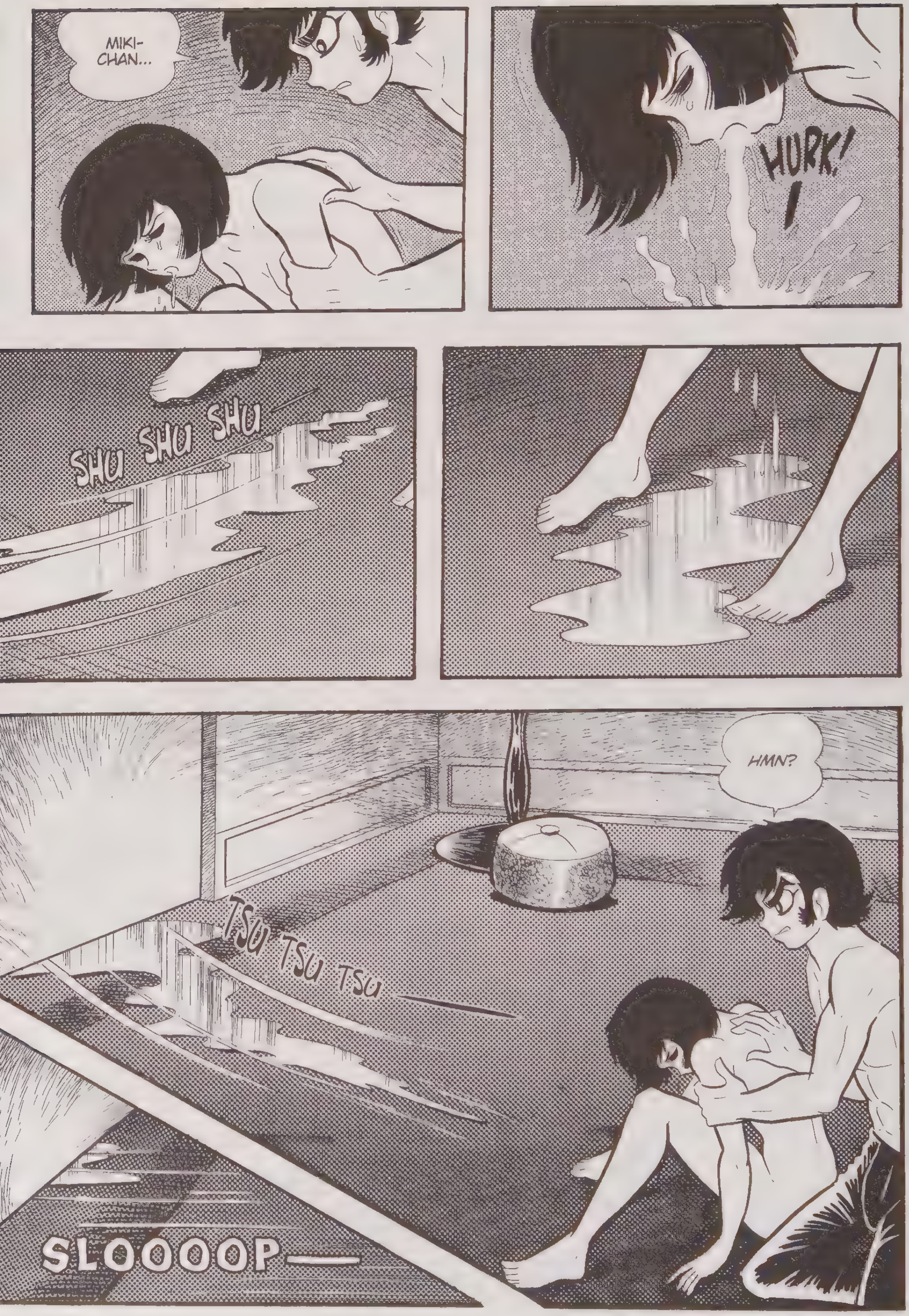

BWIP
GU
GU
GU
SHRRUP
SPLORTCH


MIKI!
DIE, DEVIL-MAN!!
YOU DRANK GHELMER'S WATER!
SMACK
AHHH!
WUMP
BYUU


GAH!
SPLOOOOSH


DAMN!
DMM
DMM


HA HA HA HA HA!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN *MY* ESCORT TO HELL! THANK YOU, DEVILMAN! *KEH HEH HEH!*
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I PASS, SICKO!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP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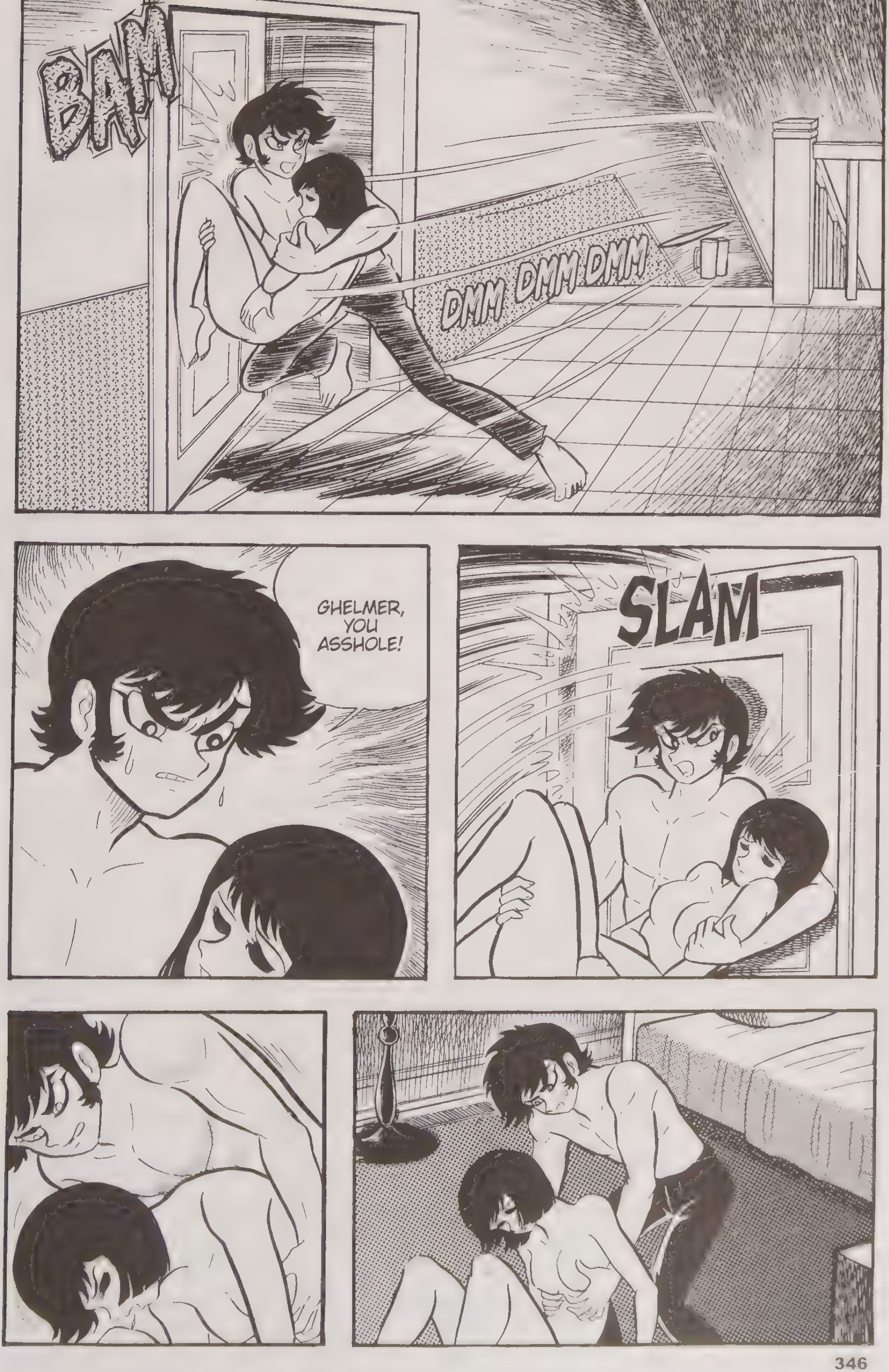
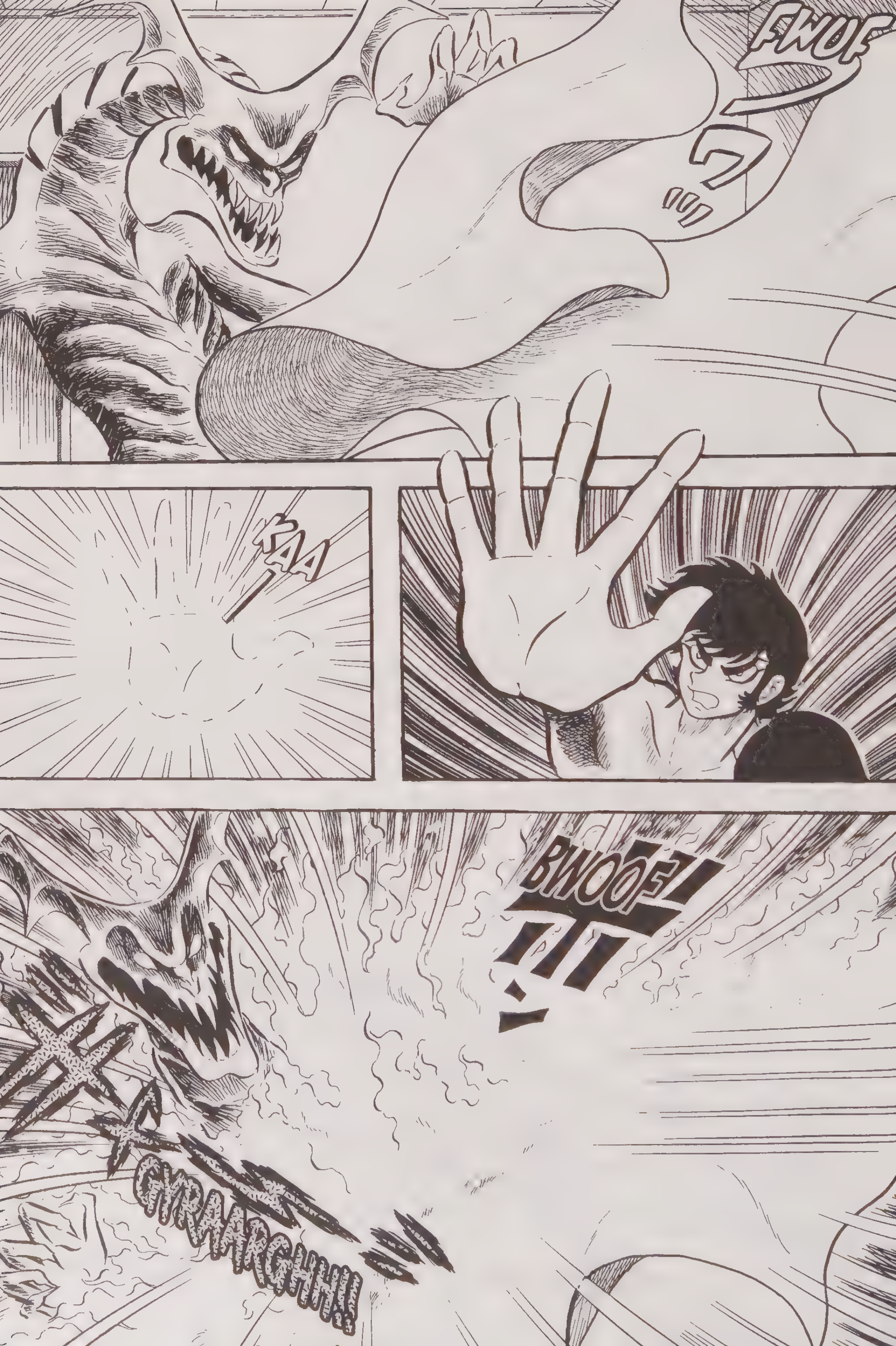
MIKI-CHAN...
SHU SHU SHU
HMN?
TSU TSU TSU
SLOOOOP—


BAM
DMM DMM DMM
GHELMER, YOU ASSHOLE!
SLAM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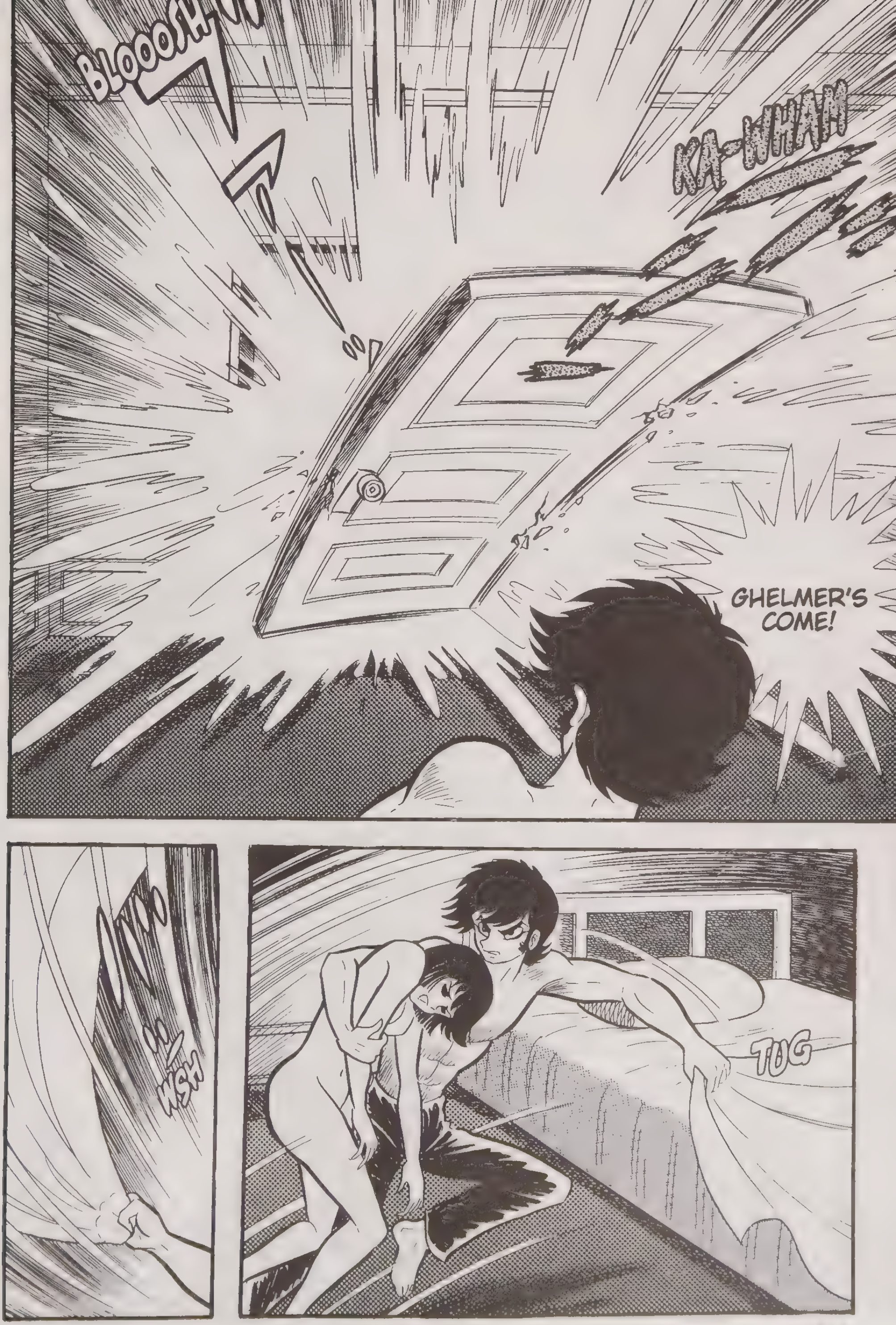
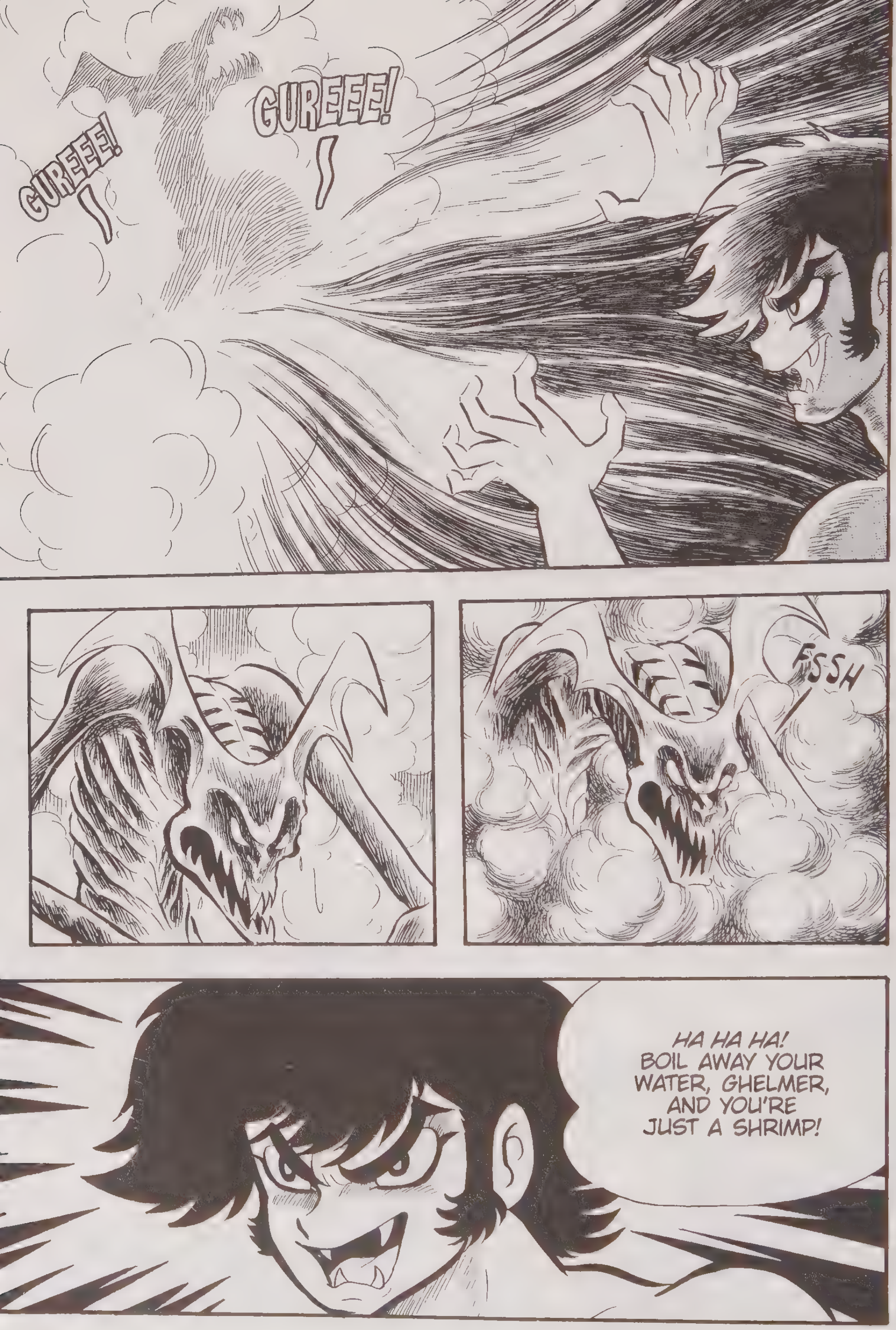
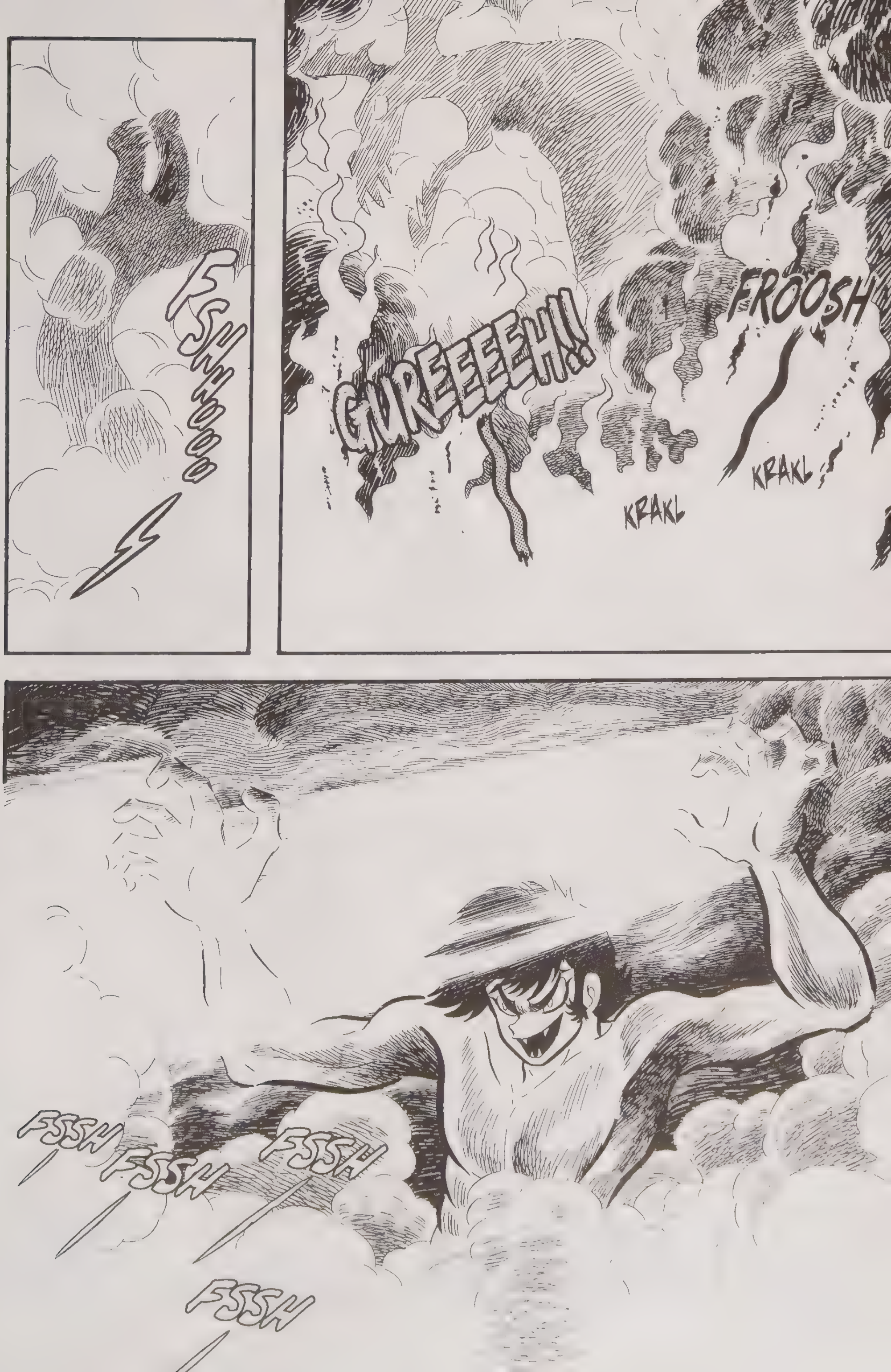
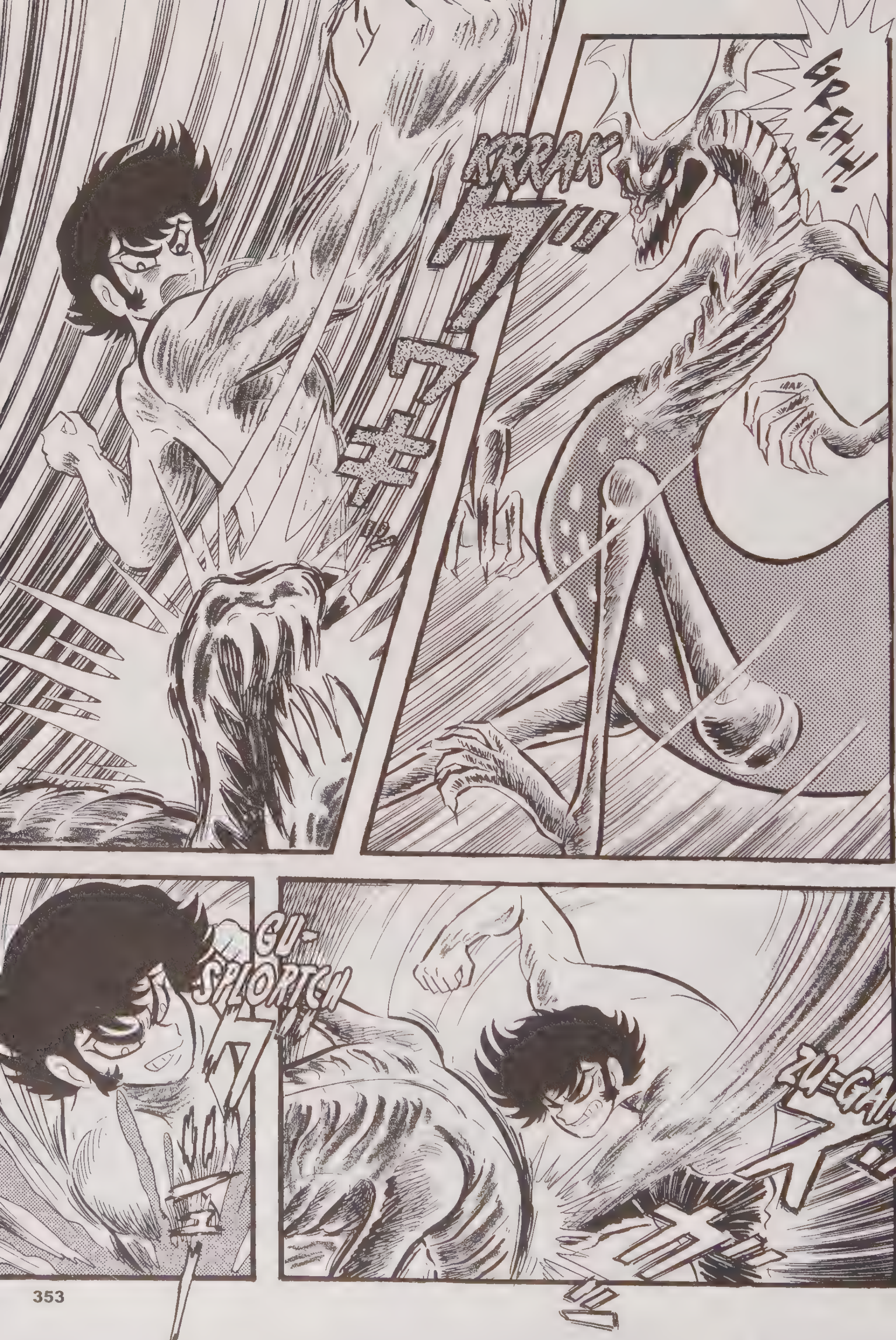
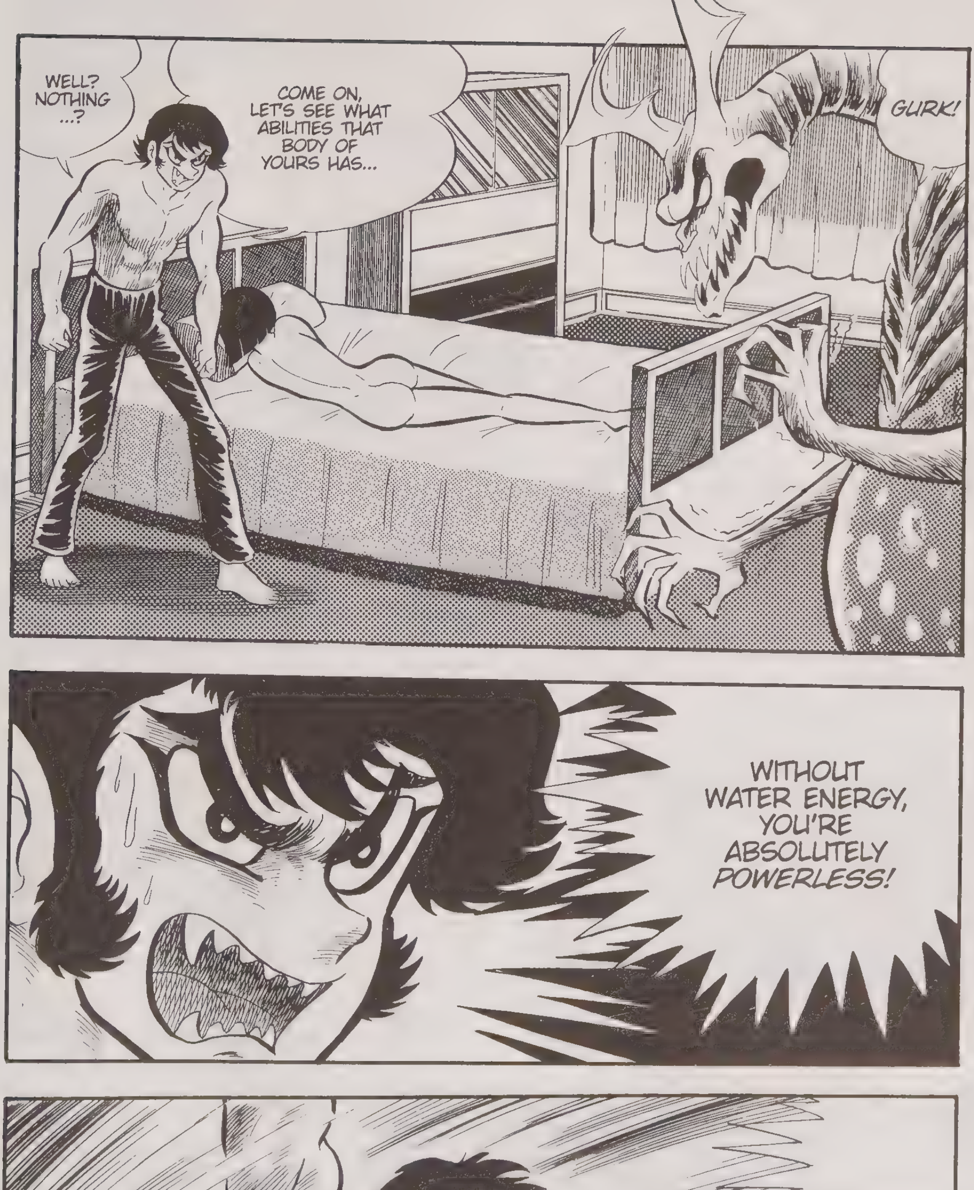
KAA
BWOOF!!
GYRAARGHHH!!

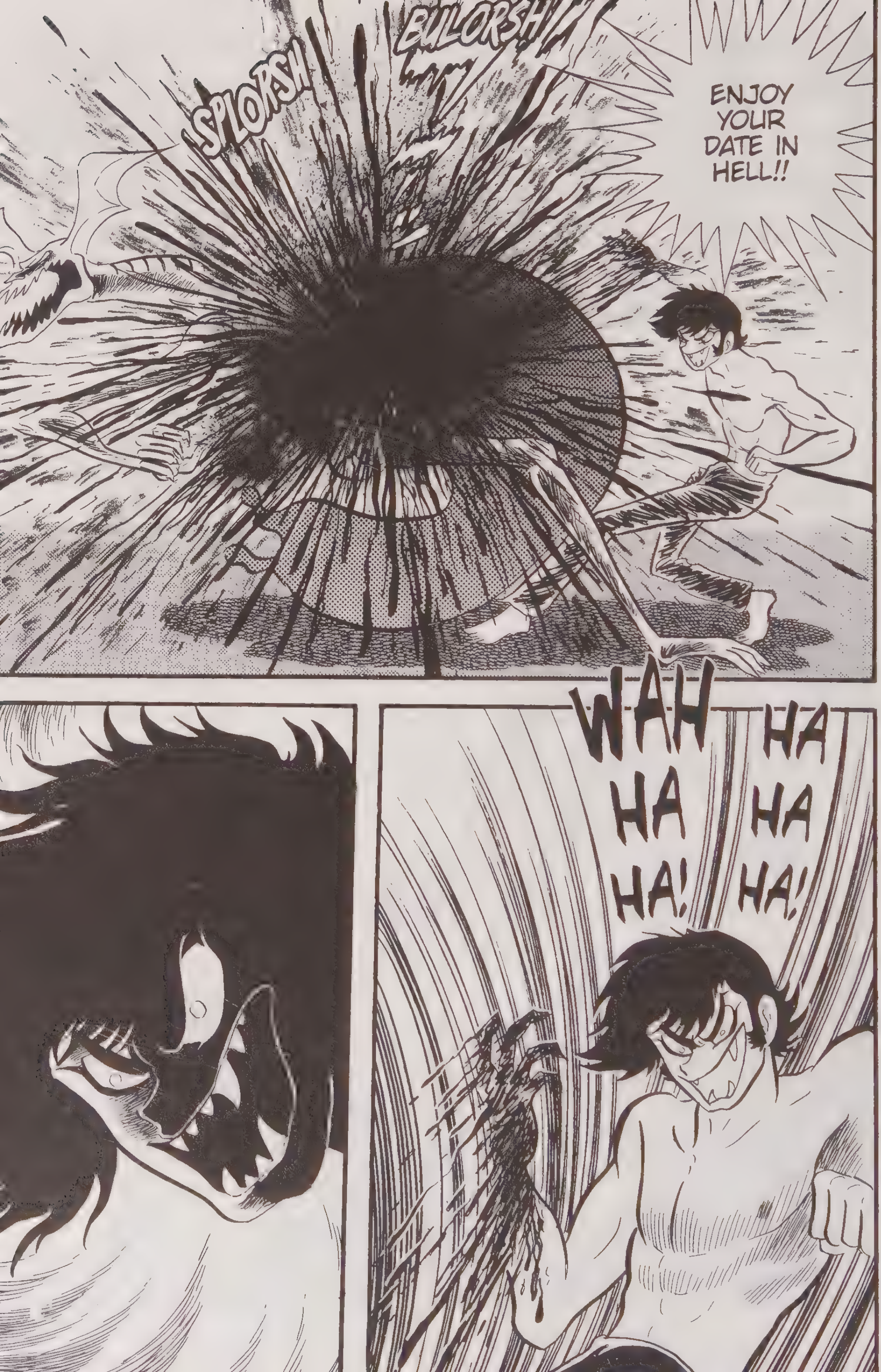

KA-WHAM
GHELMER'S COME!
BLOOOSH
TUG
WSH

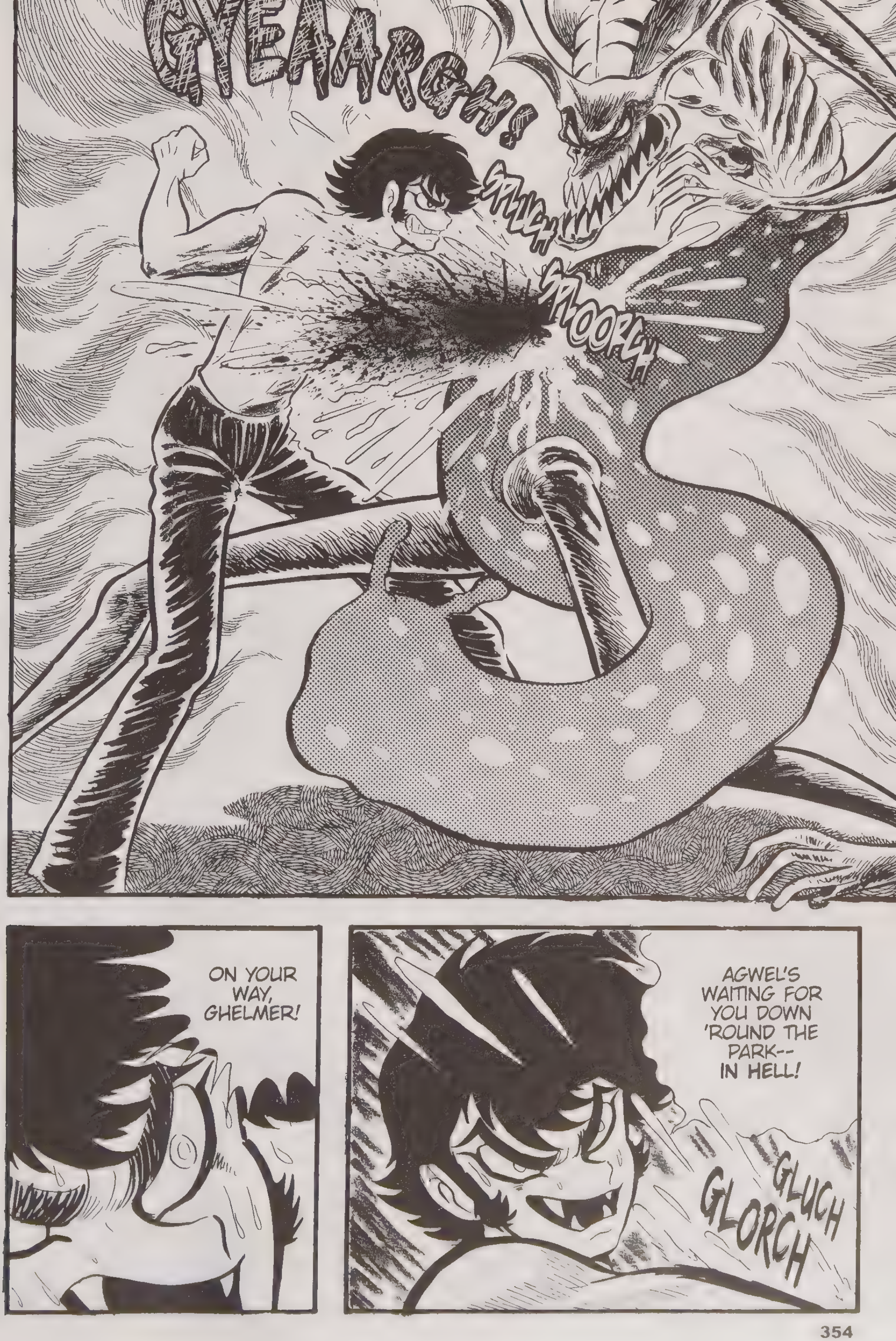

GUREEE!
GUREEE!
FSSH
HA HA HA! BOIL AWAY YOUR WATER, GHELMER, AND YOU'RE JUST A SHRIMP!

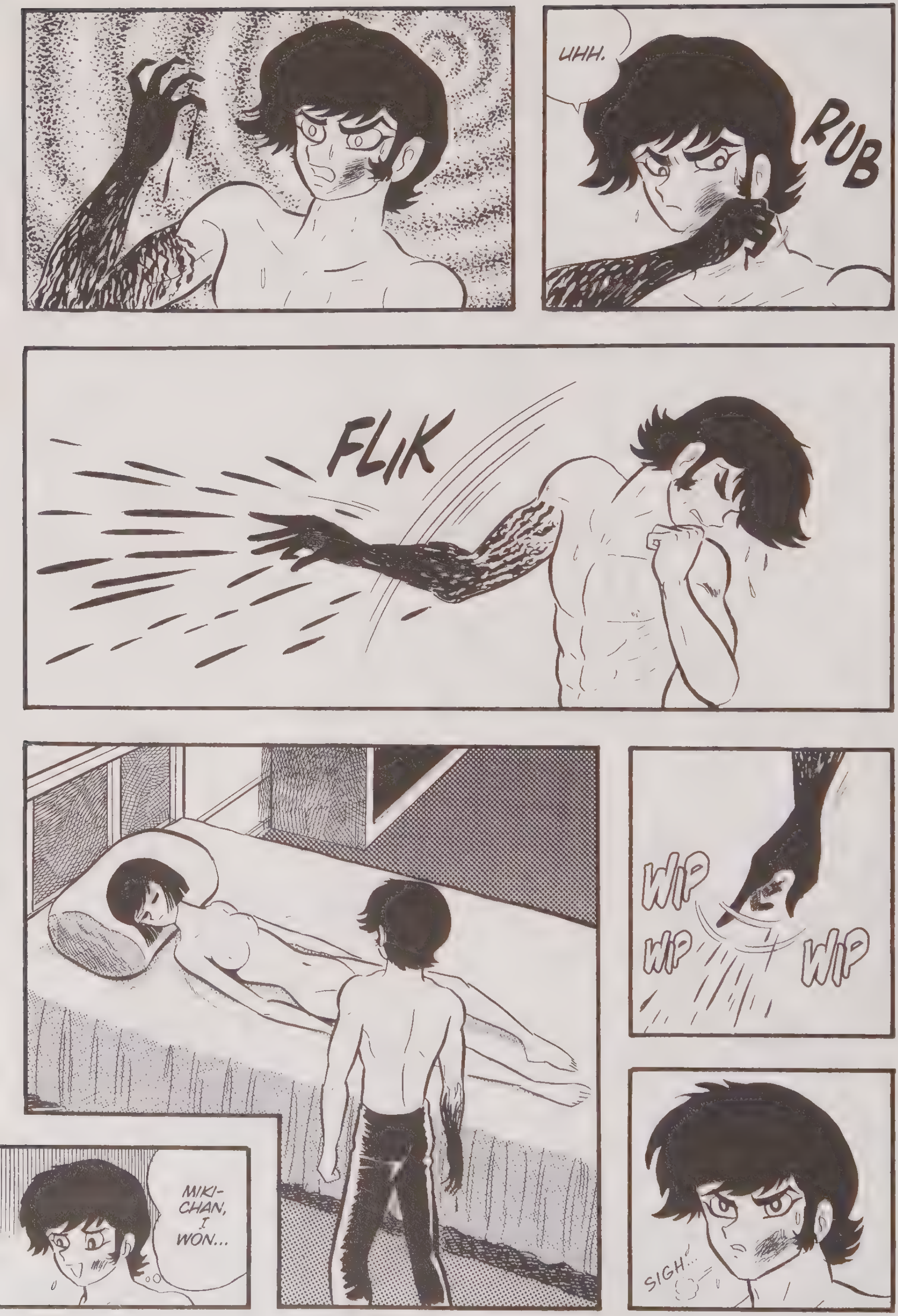

FROOSH
KRAKL
KRAKL
GUREEEEEH!!
FSHHOOOO
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH

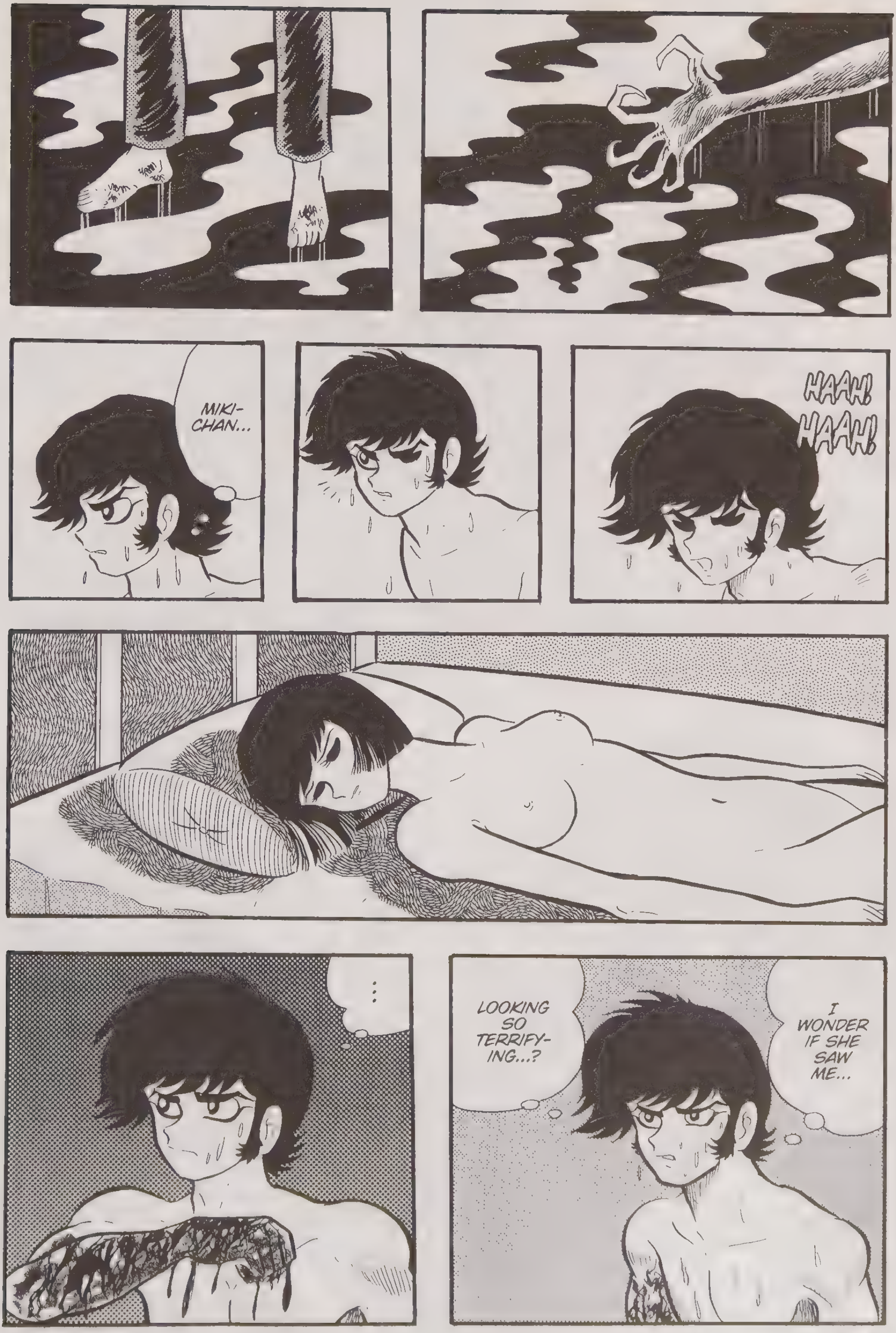

GREHH!
KRRAK
ZU-GA
GU-SPLORTCH

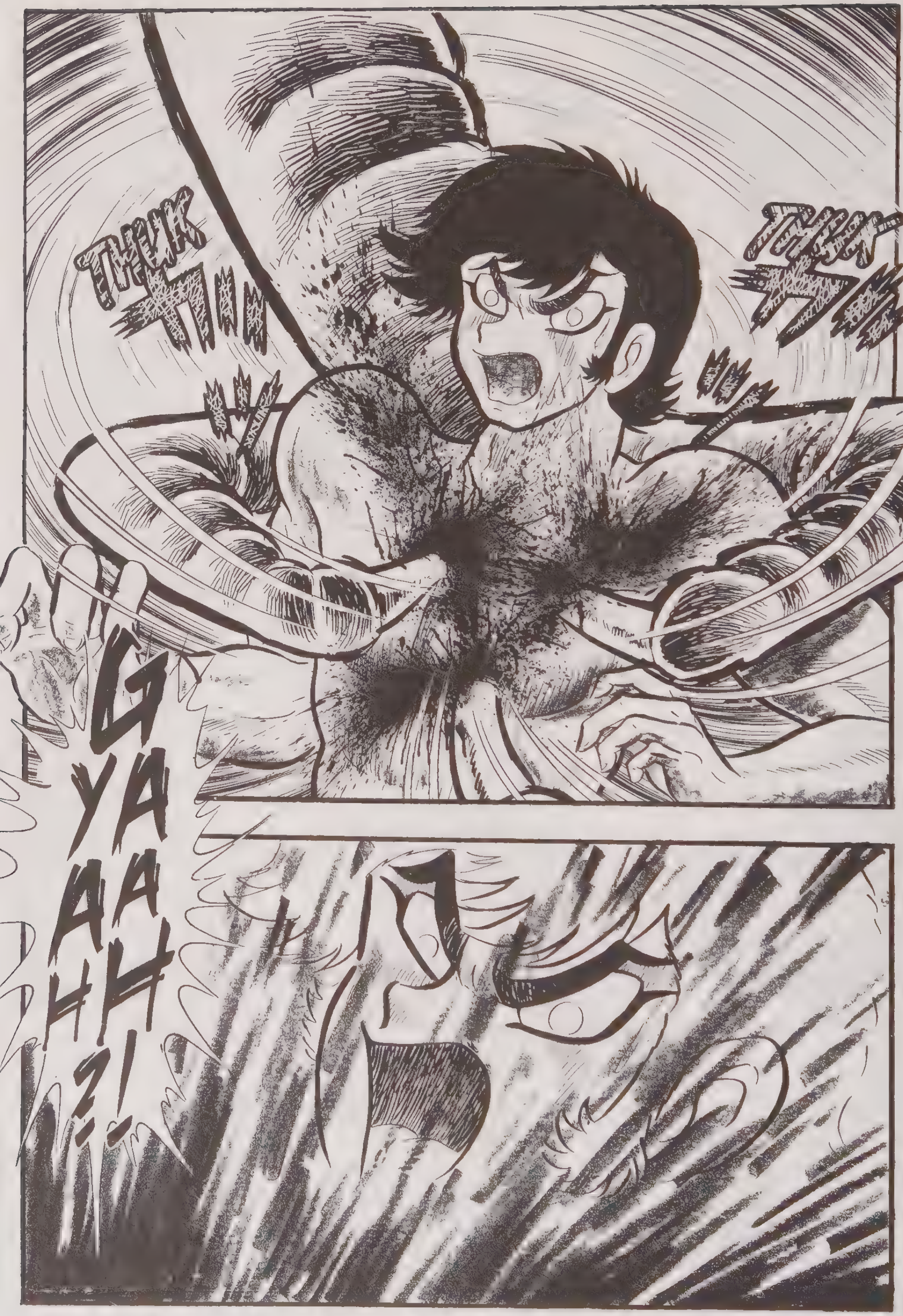

WELL? NOTHING ...?
COME ON, LET'S SEE WHAT ABILITIES THAT BODY OF YOURS HAS...
GURK!
WITHOUT WATER ENERGY, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY *POWERLESS!*
PAYBACK TIME!

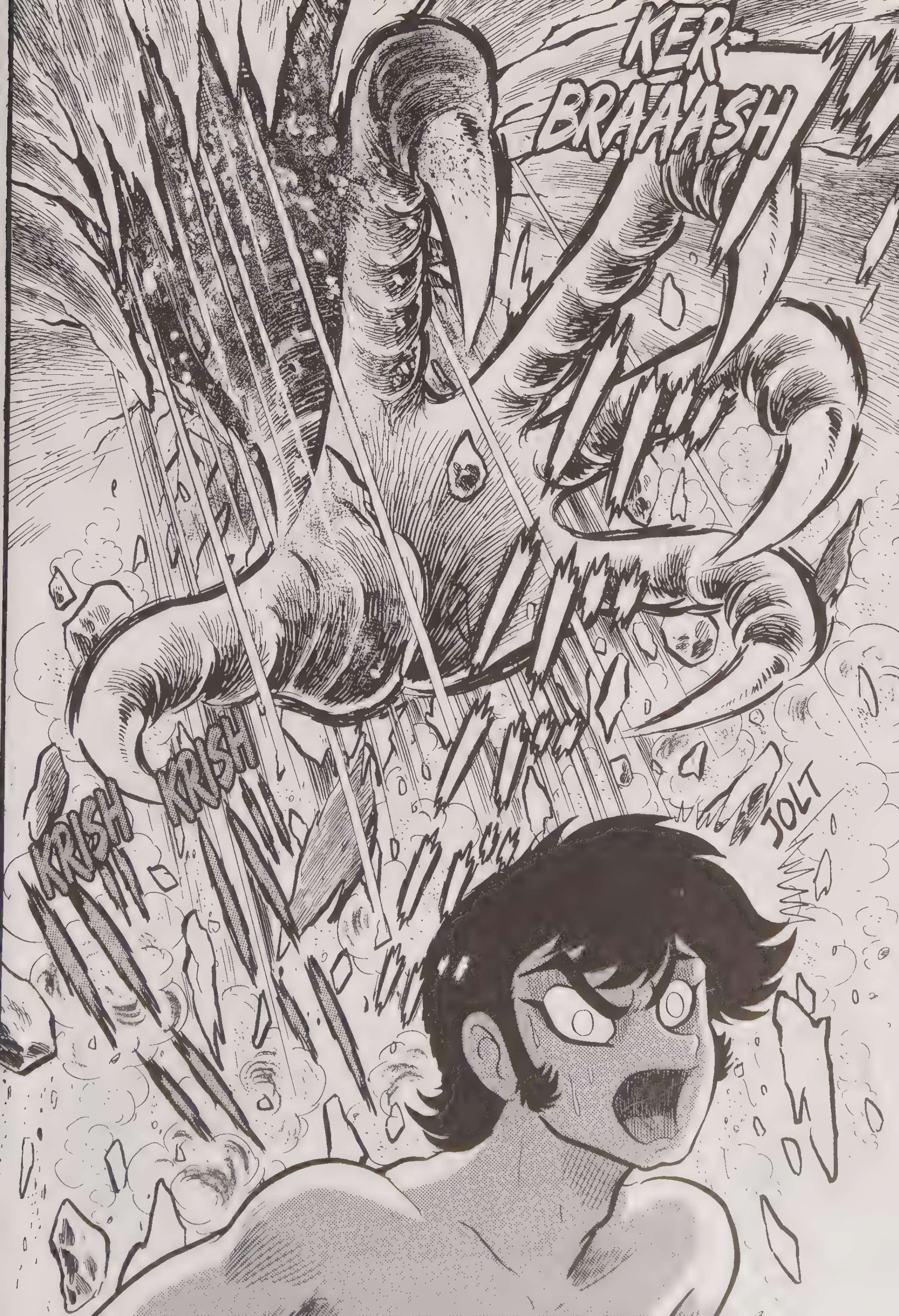

ENJOY YOUR DATE IN HELL!!
BULORSH
SPLORSH
WAH HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!

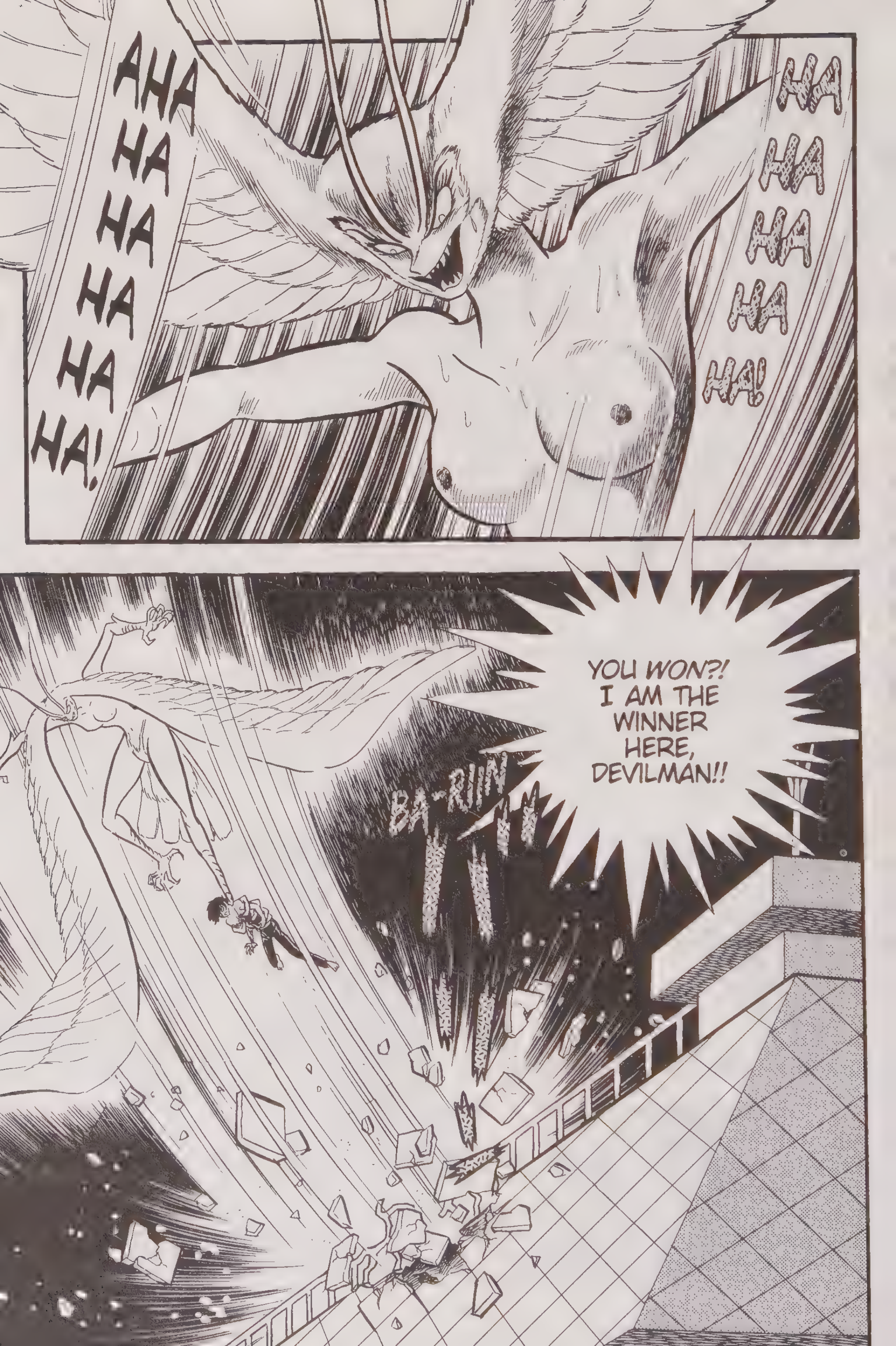

GYEAARGH!
SPLUCH
SPLOORCH
ON YOUR WAY, GHELMER!
AGWEL'S WAITING FOR YOU DOWN 'ROUND THE PARK-- IN HELL!
GLUCH
GLORCH

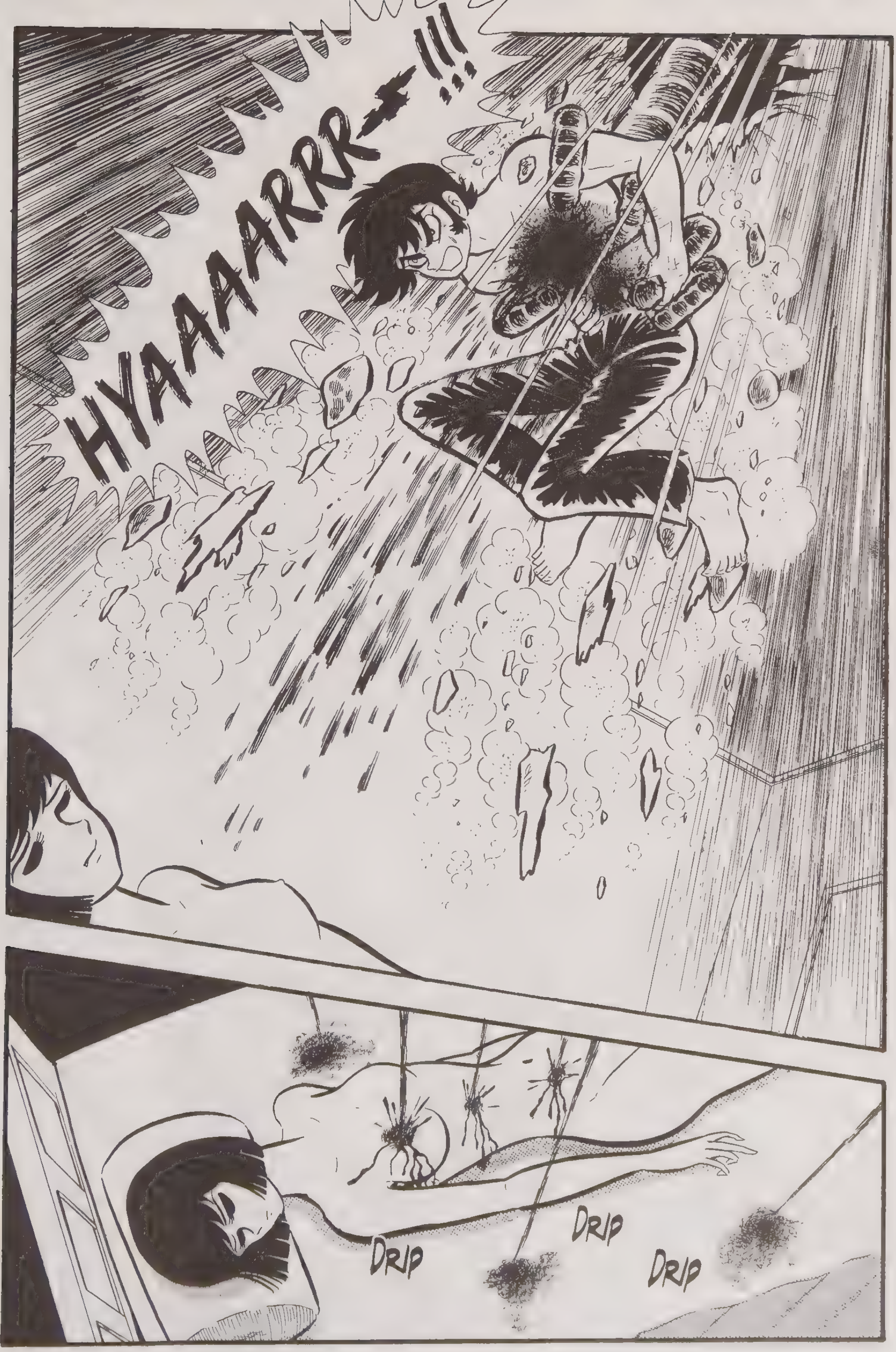

UHH.
RUB
FLIK
WIP
WIP
WIP
SIGH...
MIKI-CHAN, I WON...

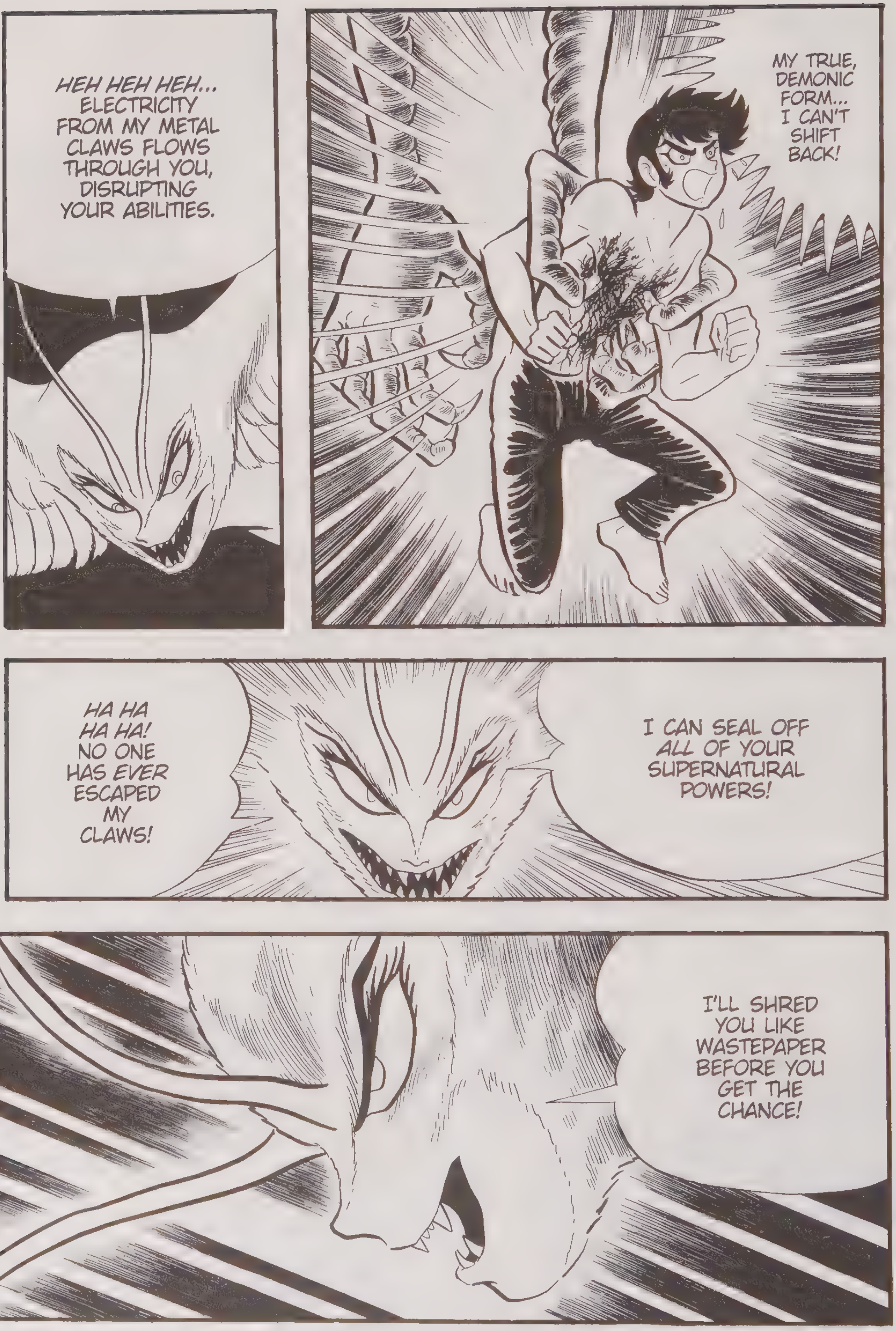

HAAH! HAAH!
MIKI-CHAN...
I WONDER IF SHE SAW ME...
LOOKING SO TERRIFYING...?
...

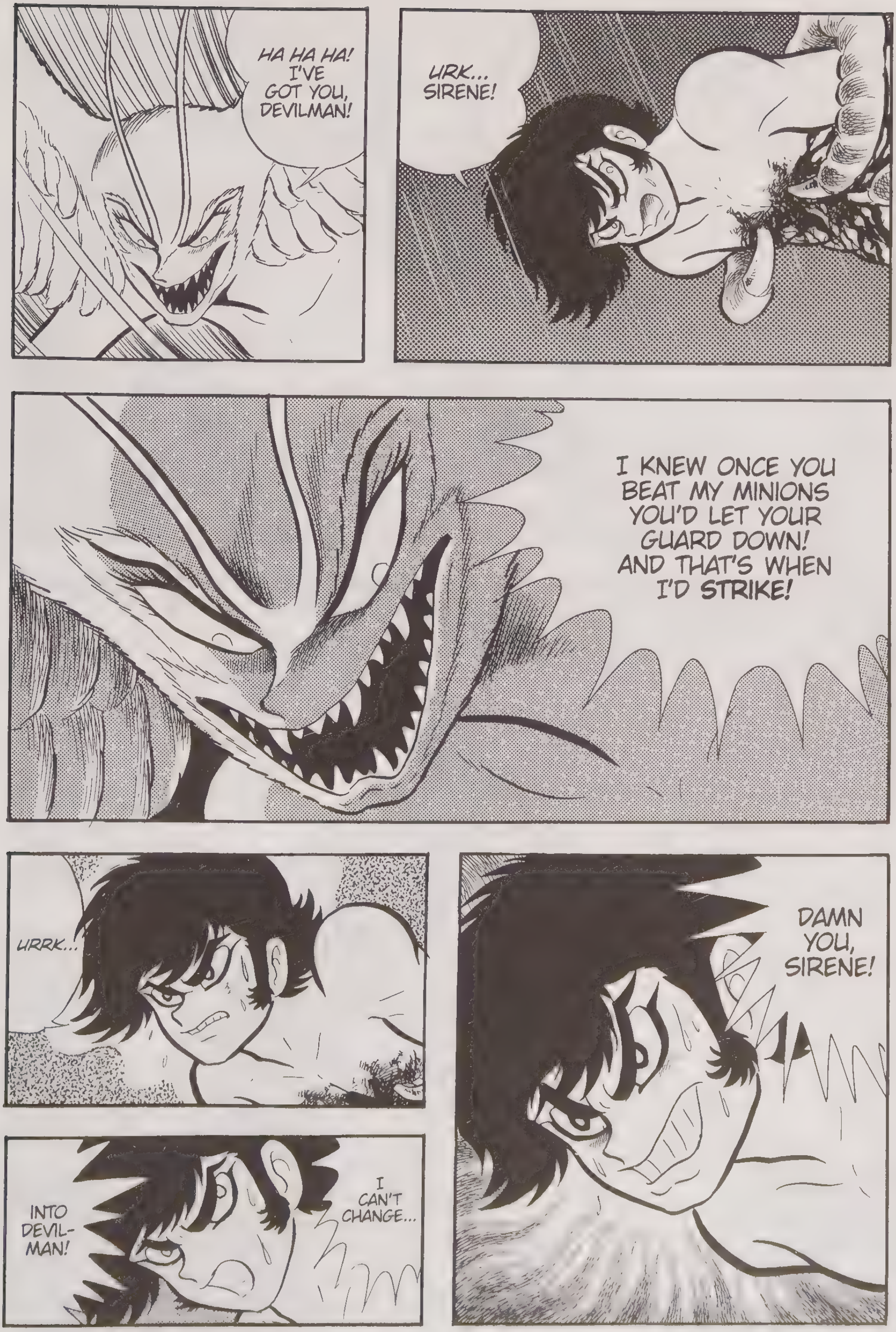

THUK
THUK
GYAAAHH?!

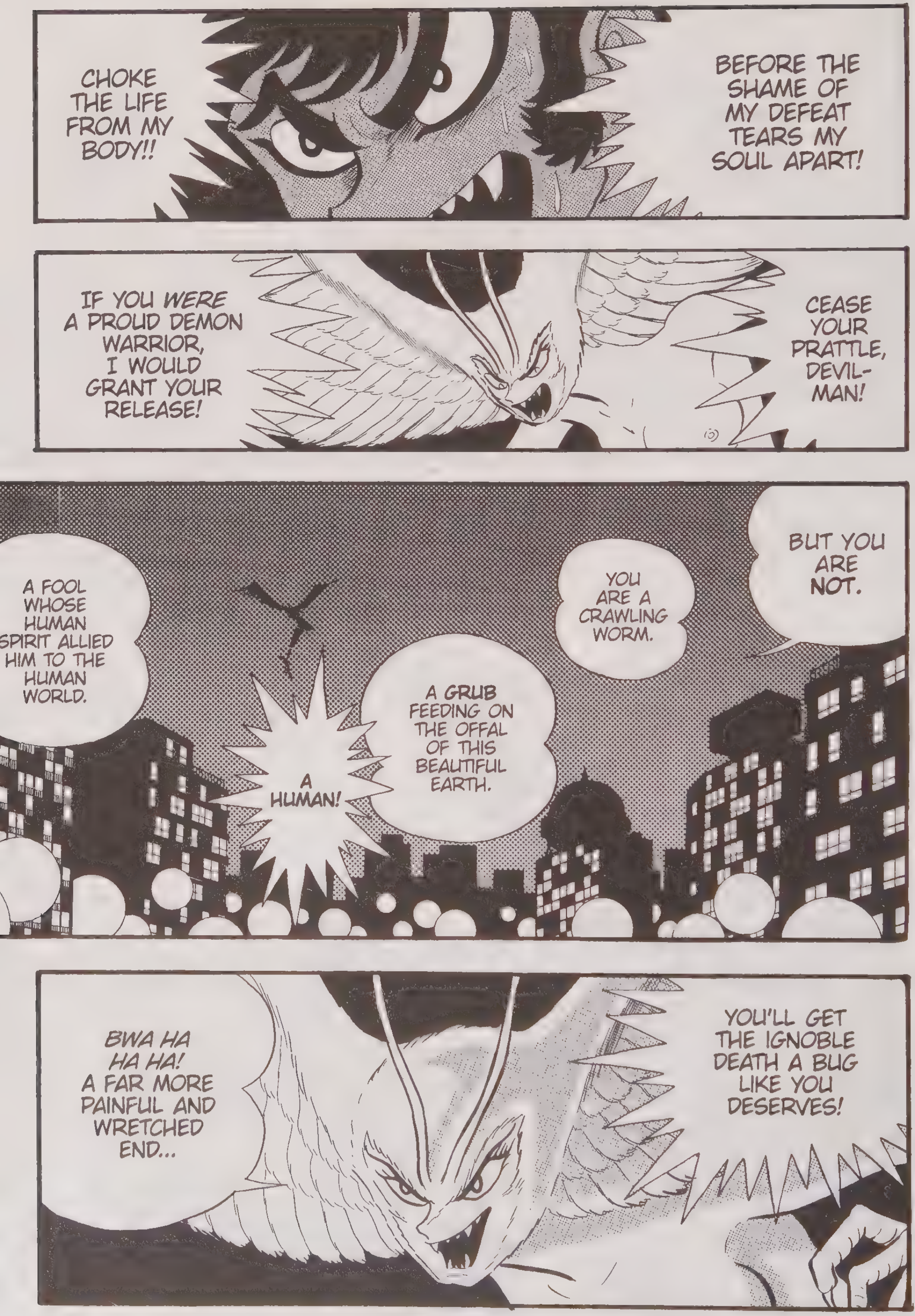

KER-BRAAASH
JOLT
KRISH
KRISH

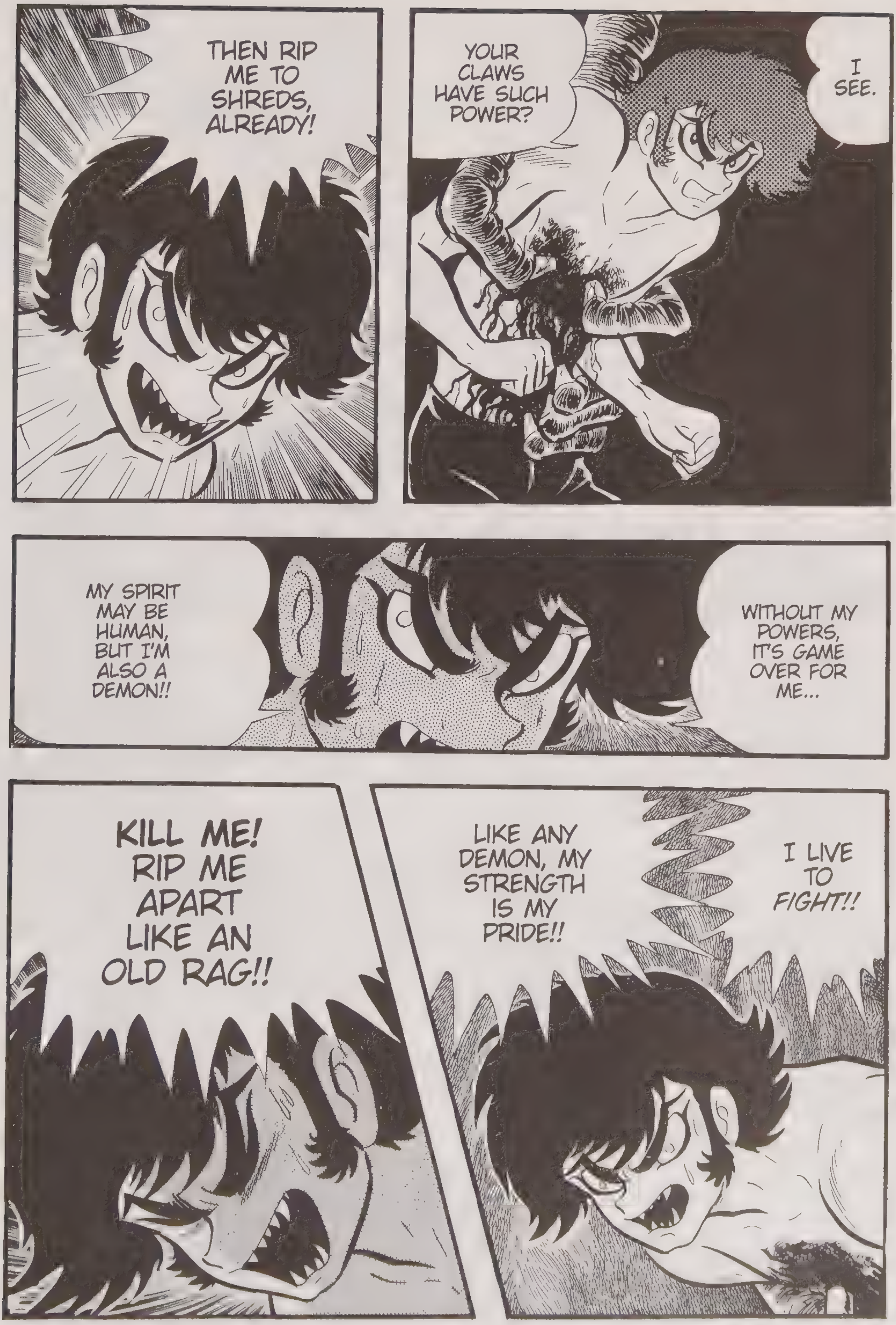

HA HA HA HA HA!
AHA HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU WON?! I AM THE WINNER HERE, DEVILMAN!!
BA-RIIN

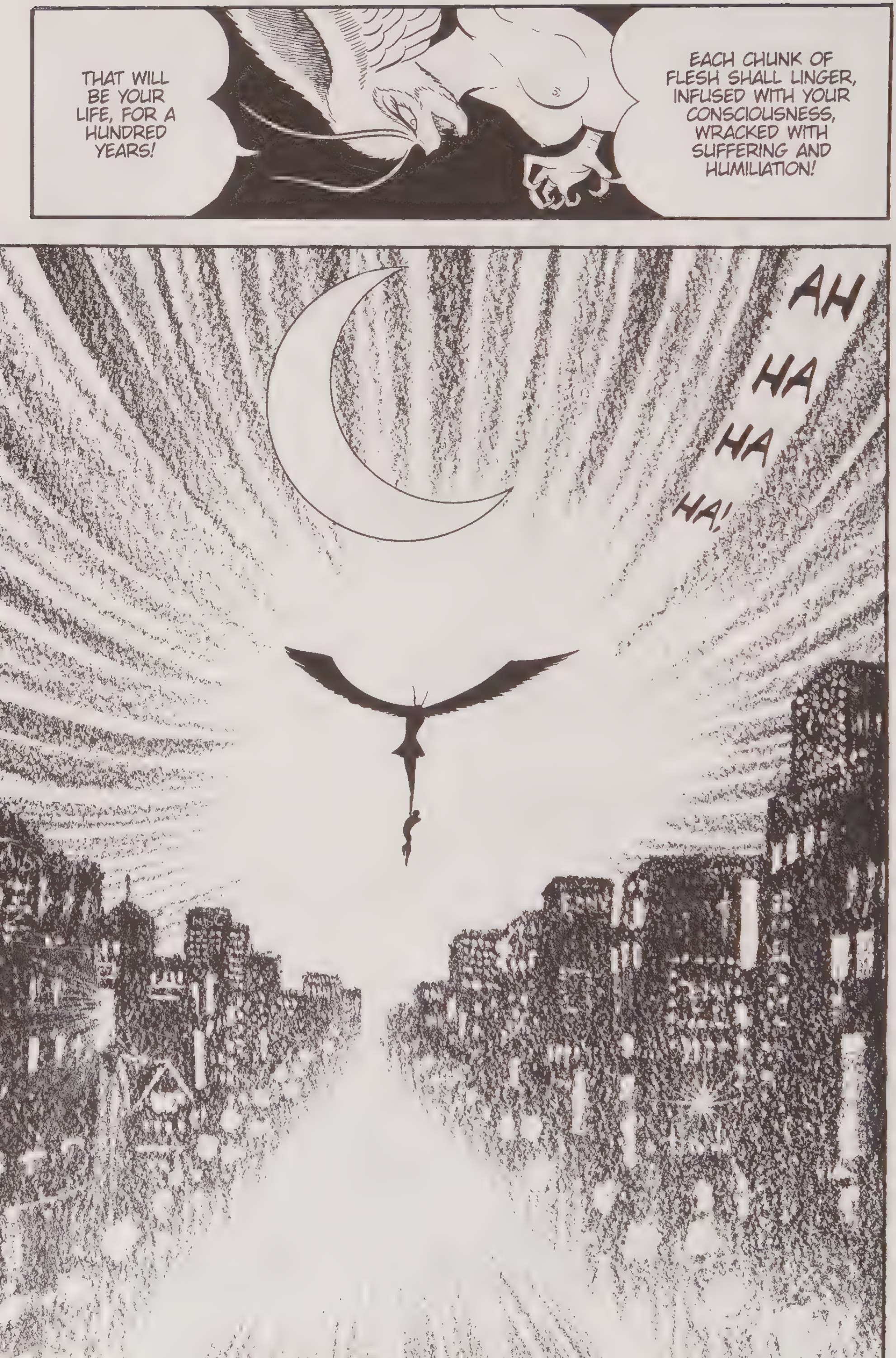

HYAAAARRR—!!!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

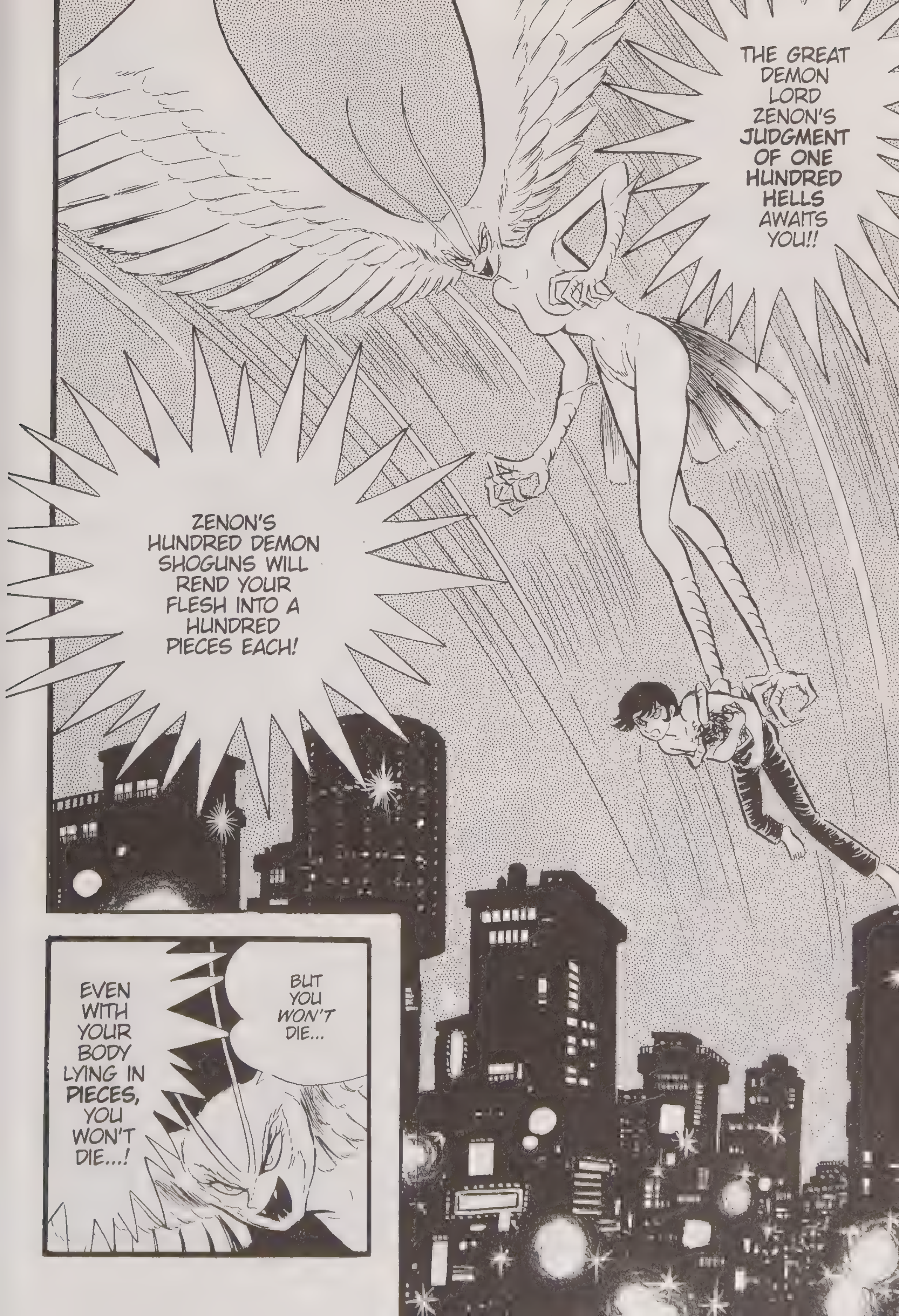

MY TRUE, DEMONIC FORM... I CAN'T SHIFT BACK!
HEH HEH HEH... ELECTRICITY FROM MY METAL CLAWS FLOWS THROUGH YOU, DISRUPTING YOUR ABILITIES.
I CAN SEAL OFF *ALL* OF YOUR SUPERNATURAL POWERS!
HA HA HA HA! NO ONE HAS *EVER* ESCAPED MY CLAWS!
I'LL SHRED YOU LIKE WASTEPAPER BEFORE YOU GET THE CHANCE!

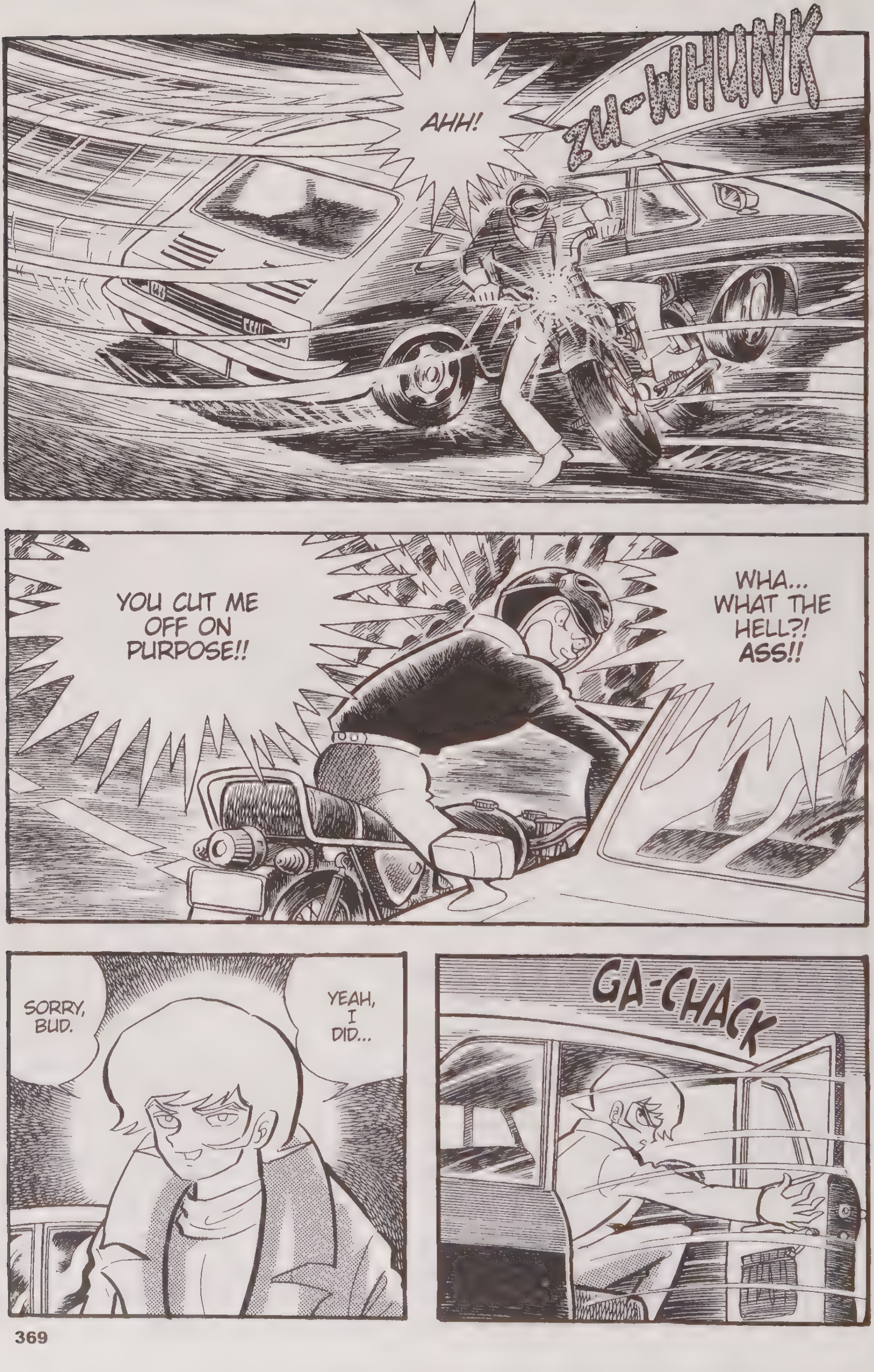

URK... SIRENE!
HA HA HA! I'VE GOT YOU, DEVILMAN!
I KNEW ONCE YOU BEAT MY MINIONS YOU'D LET YOUR GUARD DOWN! AND THAT'S WHEN I'D STRIKE!
DAMN YOU, SIRENE!
URRK...
I CAN'T CHANGE...
INTO DEVIL-MAN!

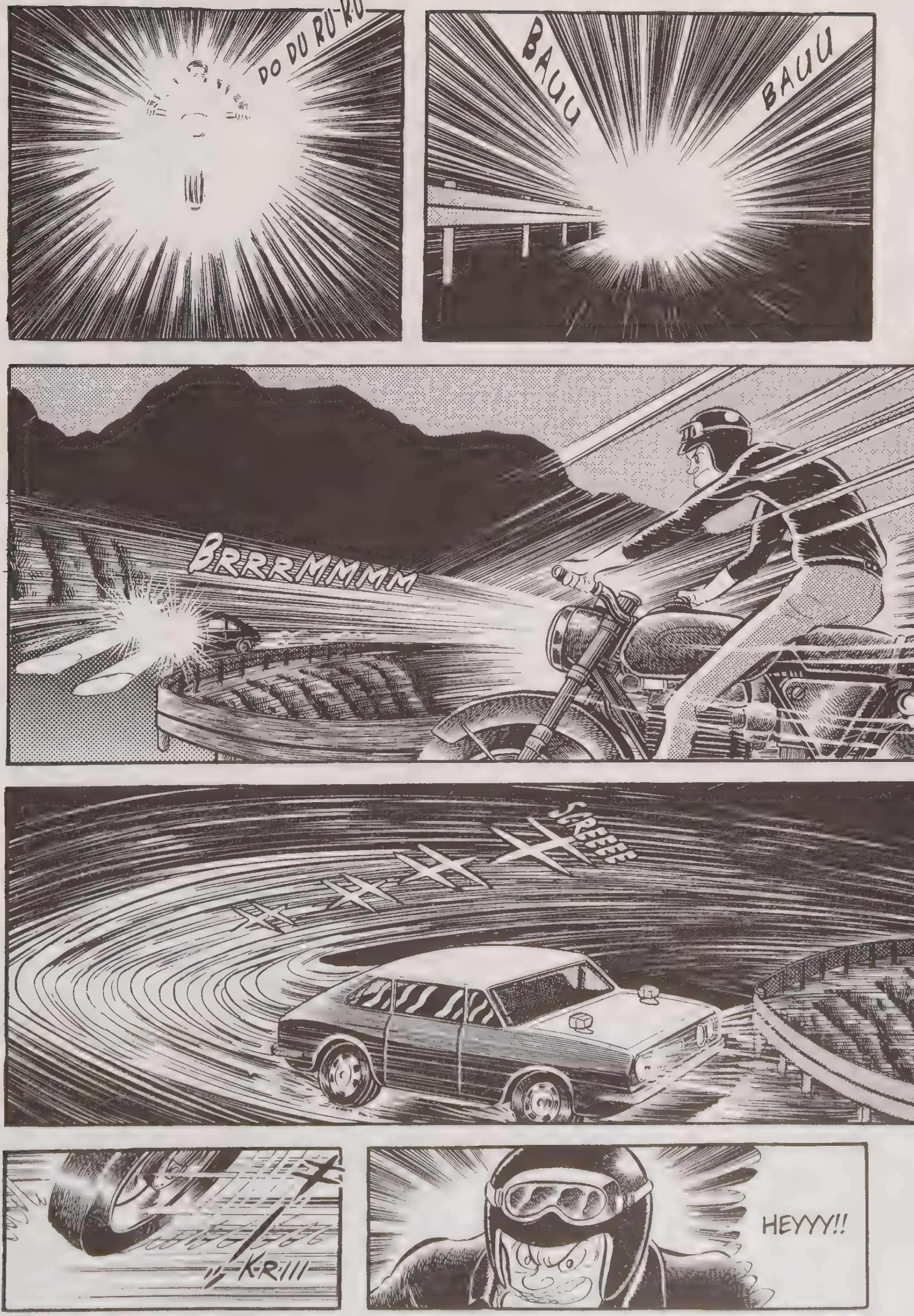

BEFORE THE SHAME OF MY DEFEAT TEARS MY SOUL APART!
CHOKE THE LIFE FROM MY BODY!!
CEASE YOUR PRATTLE, DEVILMAN!
IF YOU WERE A PROUD DEMON WARRIOR, I WOULD GRANT YOUR RELEASE!
BUT YOU ARE NOT.
YOU ARE A CRAWLING WORM.
A GRUB FEEDING ON THE OFFAL OF THIS BEAUTIFUL EARTH.
A HUMAN!
A FOOL WHOSE HUMAN SPIRIT ALLIED HIM TO THE HUMAN WORLD.
YOU'LL GET THE IGNOBLE DEATH A BUG LIKE YOU DESERVES!
BWA HA HA HA! A FAR MORE PAINFUL AND WRETCHED END...

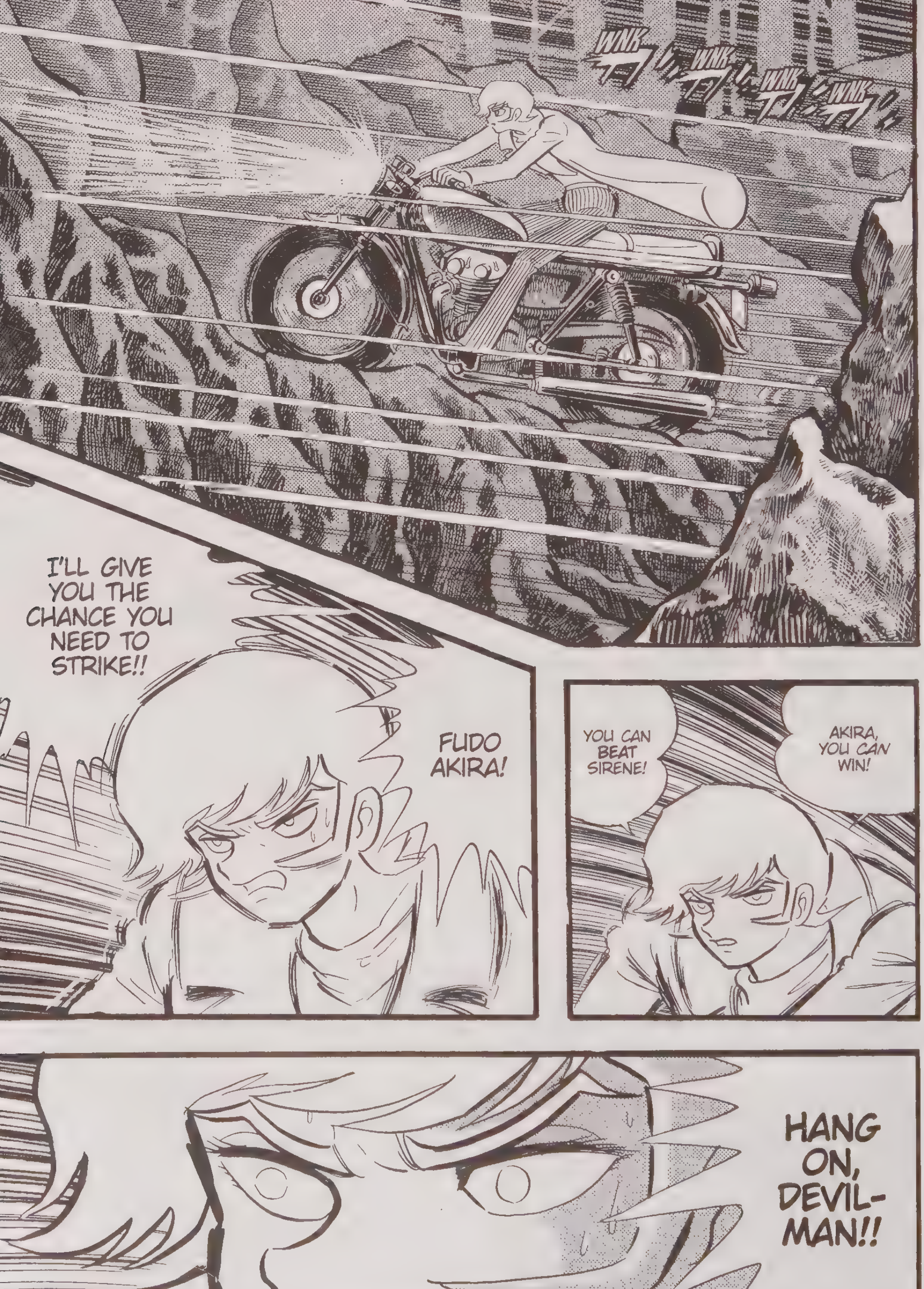

I SEE.
YOUR CLAWS HAVE SUCH POWER?
THEN RIP ME TO SHREDS, ALREADY!
WITHOUT MY POWERS, IT'S GAME OVER FOR ME...
MY SPIRIT MAY BE HUMAN, BUT I'M ALSO A DEMON!!
I LIVE TO *FIGHT!!*
LIKE ANY DEMON, MY STRENGTH IS MY PRIDE!!
KILL ME! RIP ME APART LIKE AN OLD RAG!!

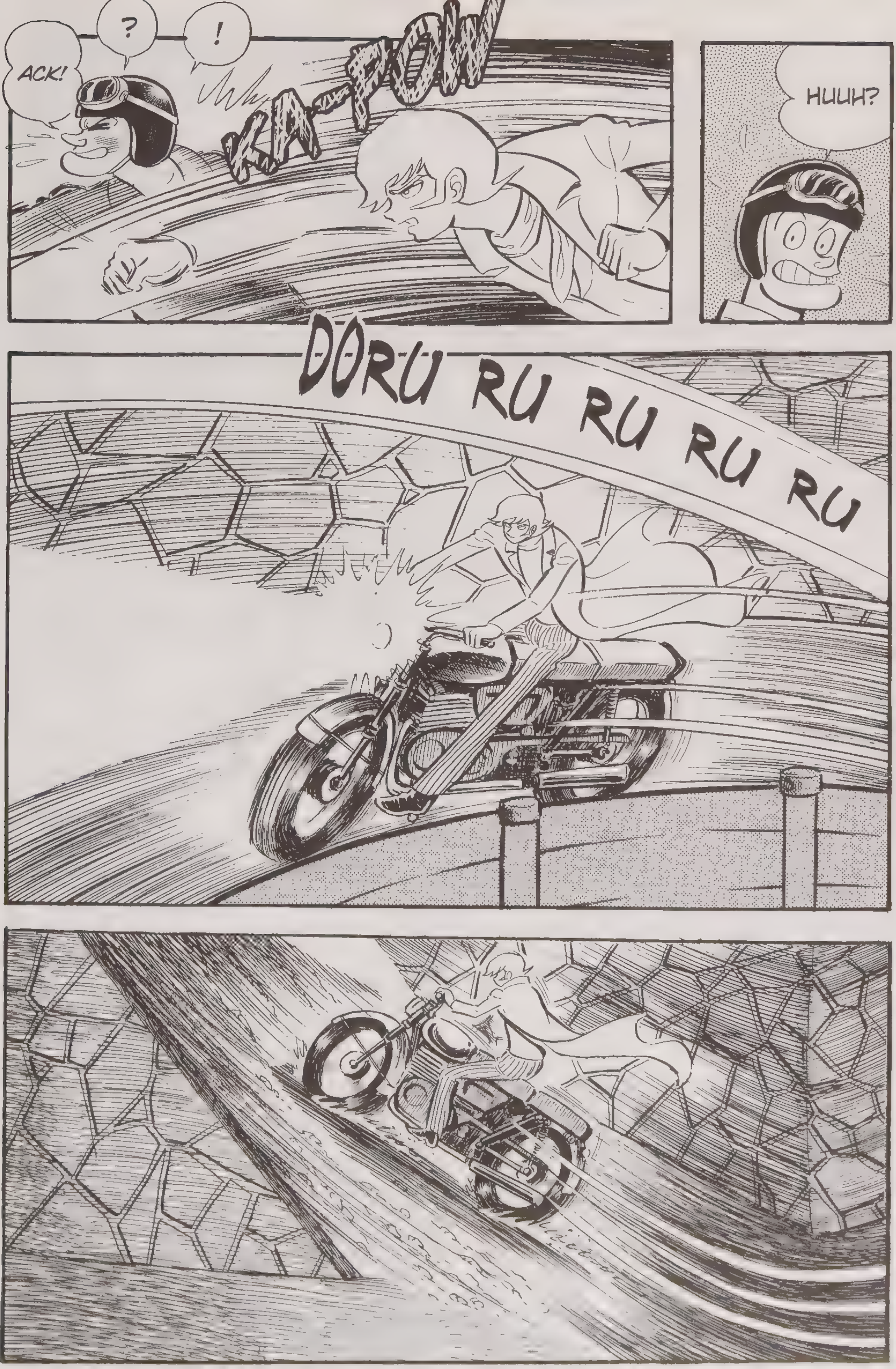

EACH CHUNK OF FLESH SHALL LINGER, INFUSED WITH YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS, WRACKED WITH SUFFERING AND HUMILIATION!
THAT WILL BE YOUR LIFE, FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
AH HA HA HA!

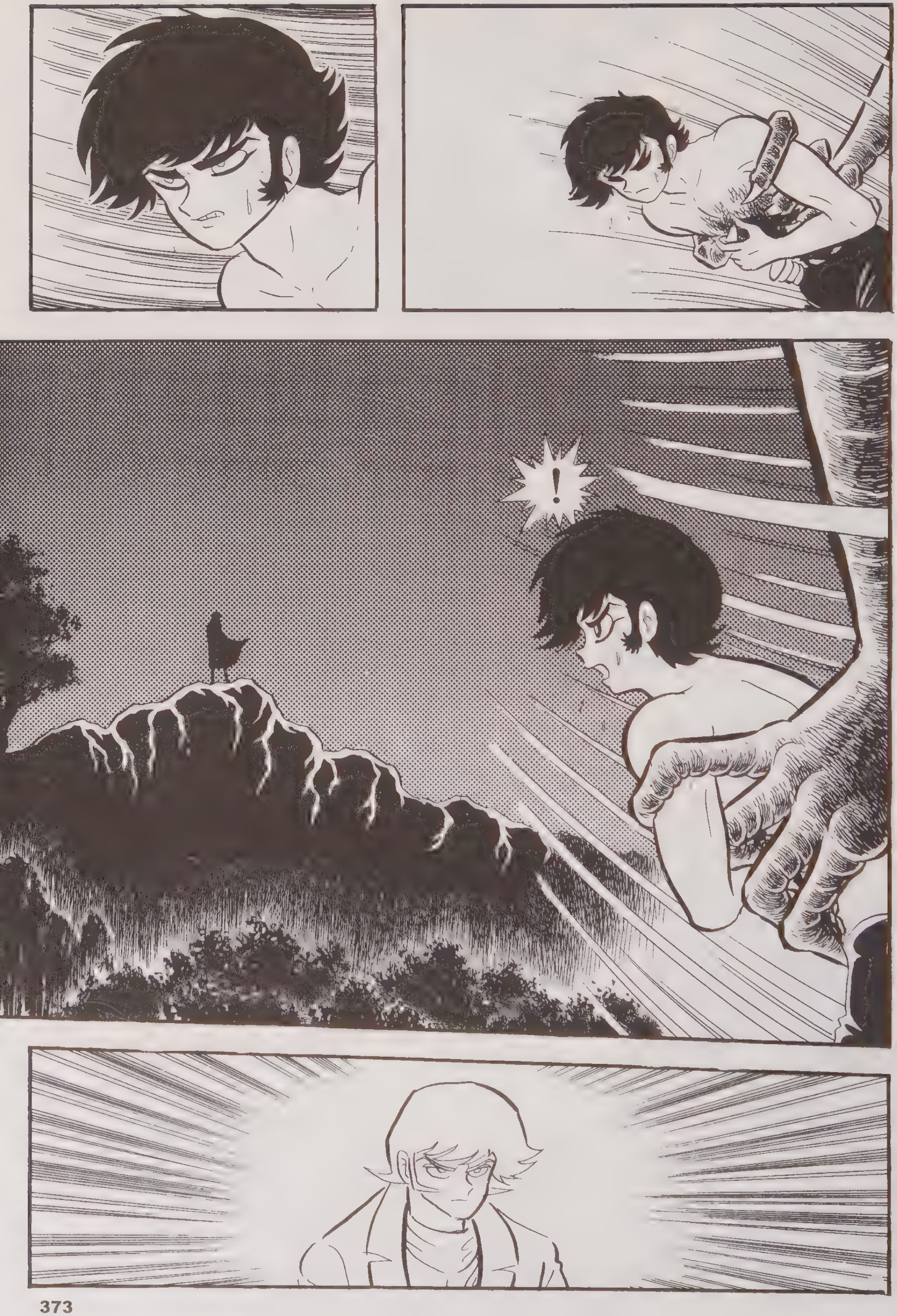

THE GREAT DEMON LORD ZENON'S JUDGMENT OF ONE HUNDRED HELLS AWAITS YOU!!
ZENON'S HUNDRED DEMON SHOGUNS WILL REND YOUR FLESH INTO A HUNDRED PIECES EACH!
BUT YOU *WON'T* DIE...
EVEN WITH YOUR BODY LYING IN PIECES, YOU WON'T DIE...!

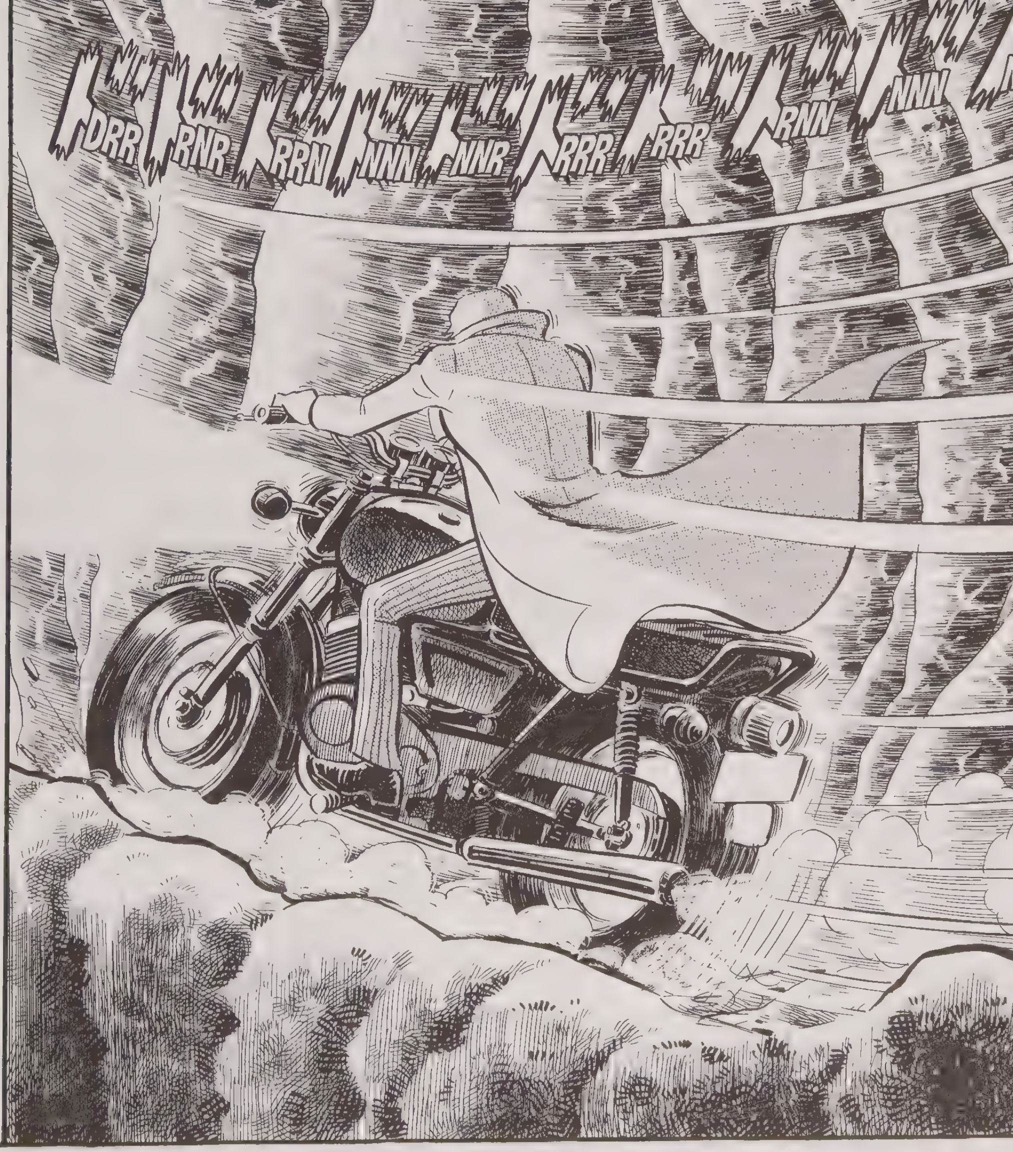

ZU-WHUNK
AHH!
WHA... WHAT THE HELL?! ASS!!
YOU CUT ME OFF ON PURPOSE!!
GA-CHACK
YEAH, I DID...
SORRY, BUD.


DO DU RU-RU
BAUU
BAUU
BRRRMMMM
SCREEEE
K-R-III
HEYYY!!


WNK WNK WNK WNK
AKIRA, YOU CAN WIN!
YOU CAN BEAT SIRENE!
FUDO AKIRA!
I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE YOU NEED TO STRIKE!!
HANG ON, DEVILMAN!!


HUUH?
!
?
ACK!
KA-POW!
DORU RU RU RU RU

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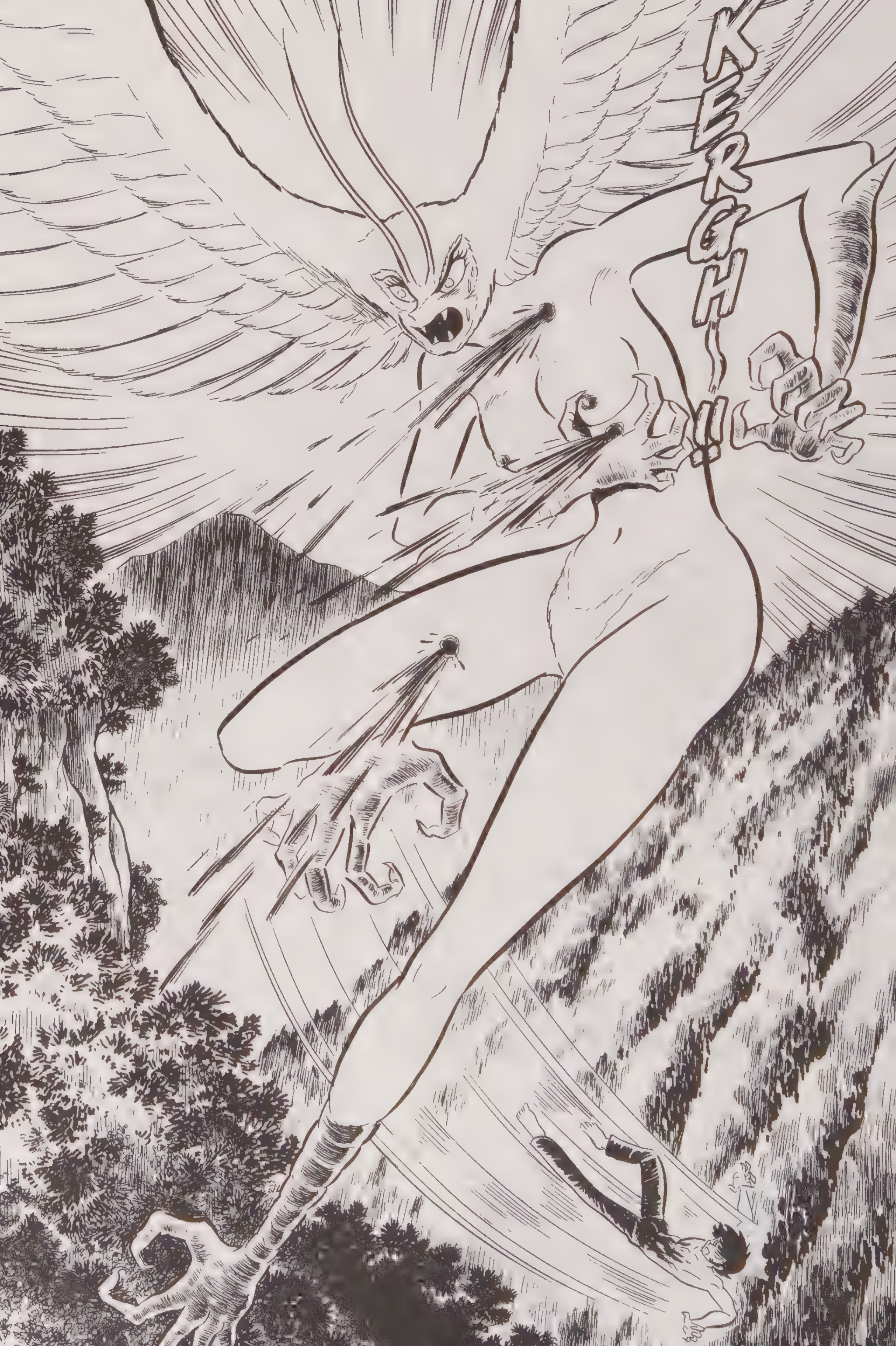
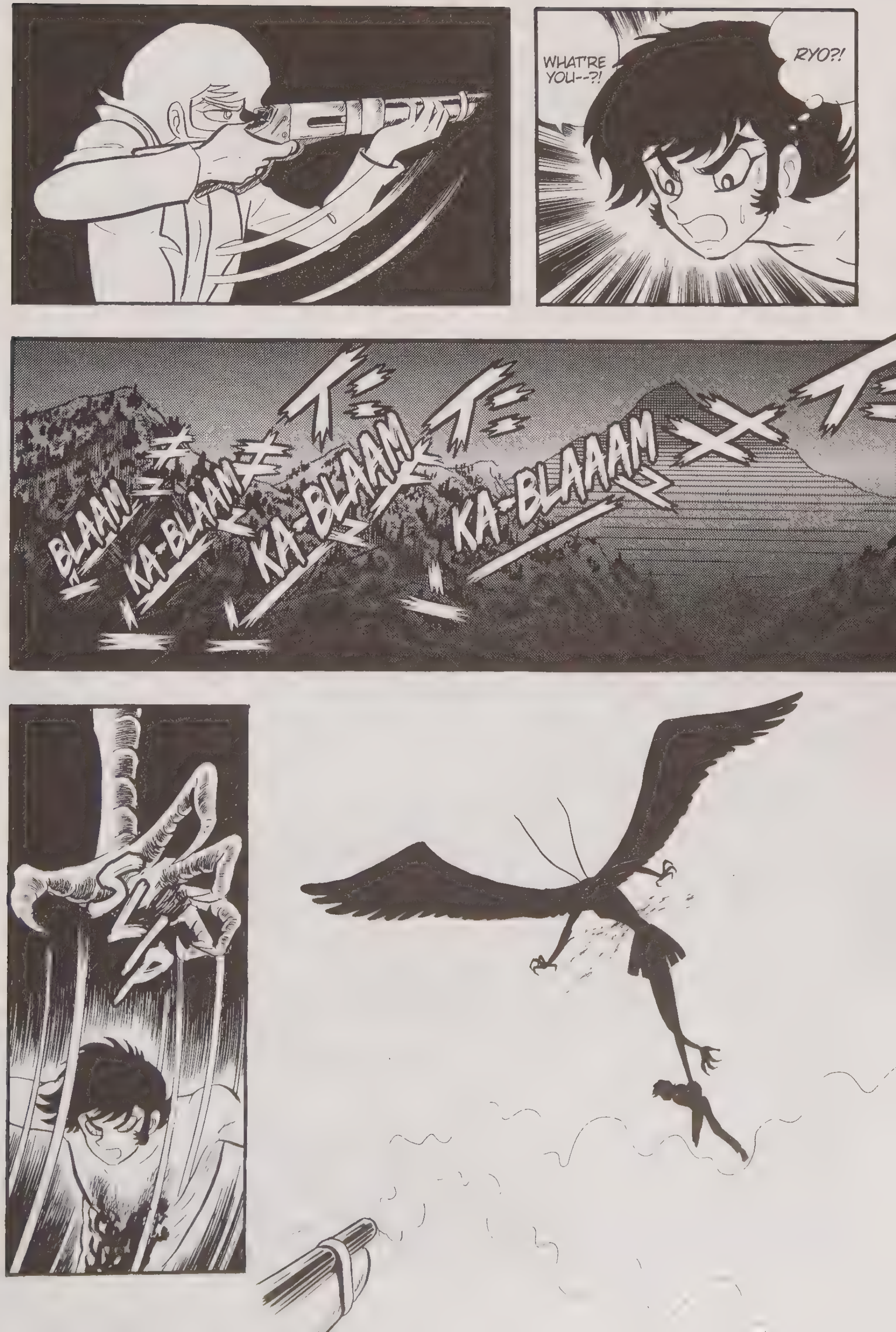
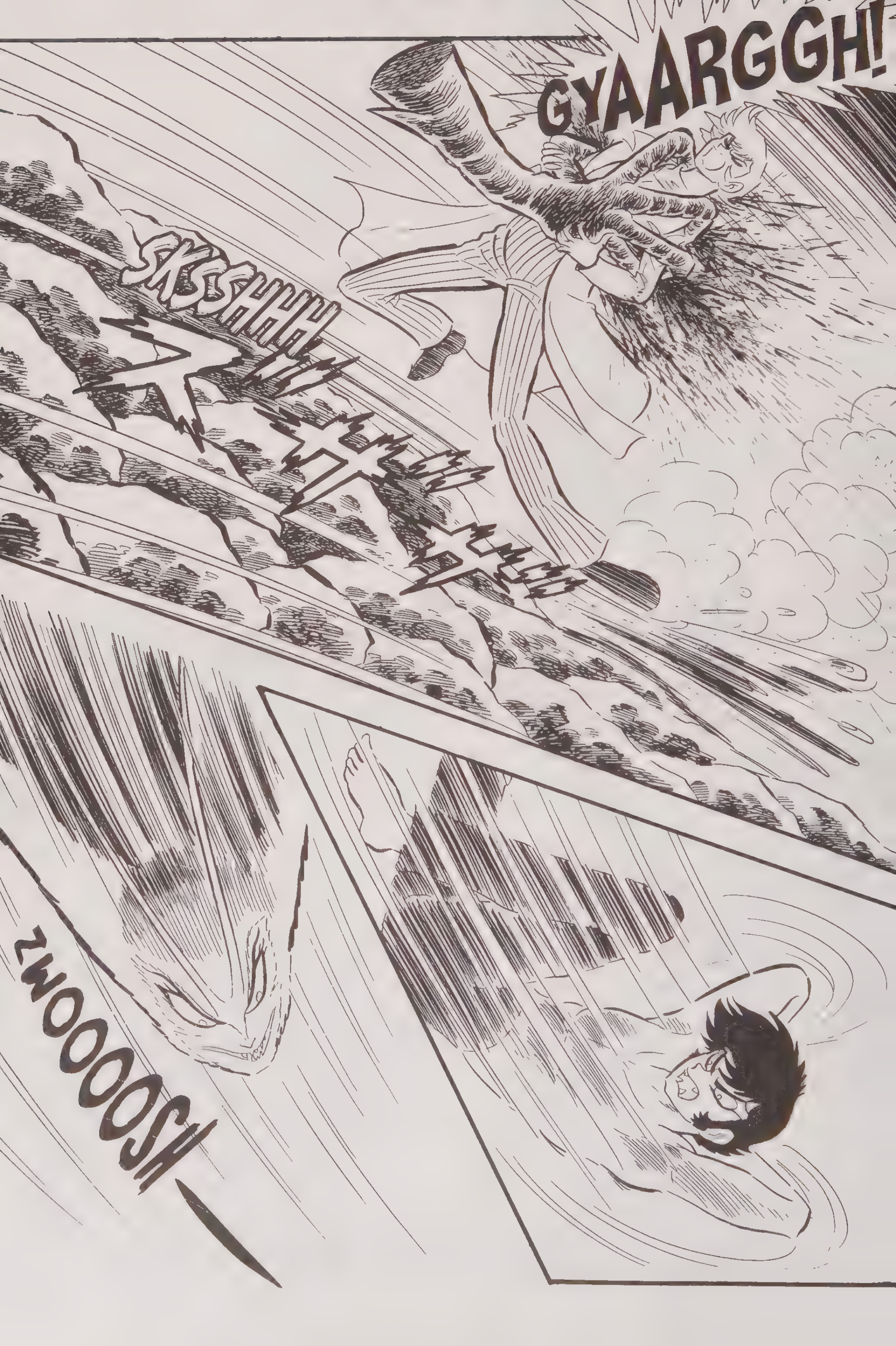
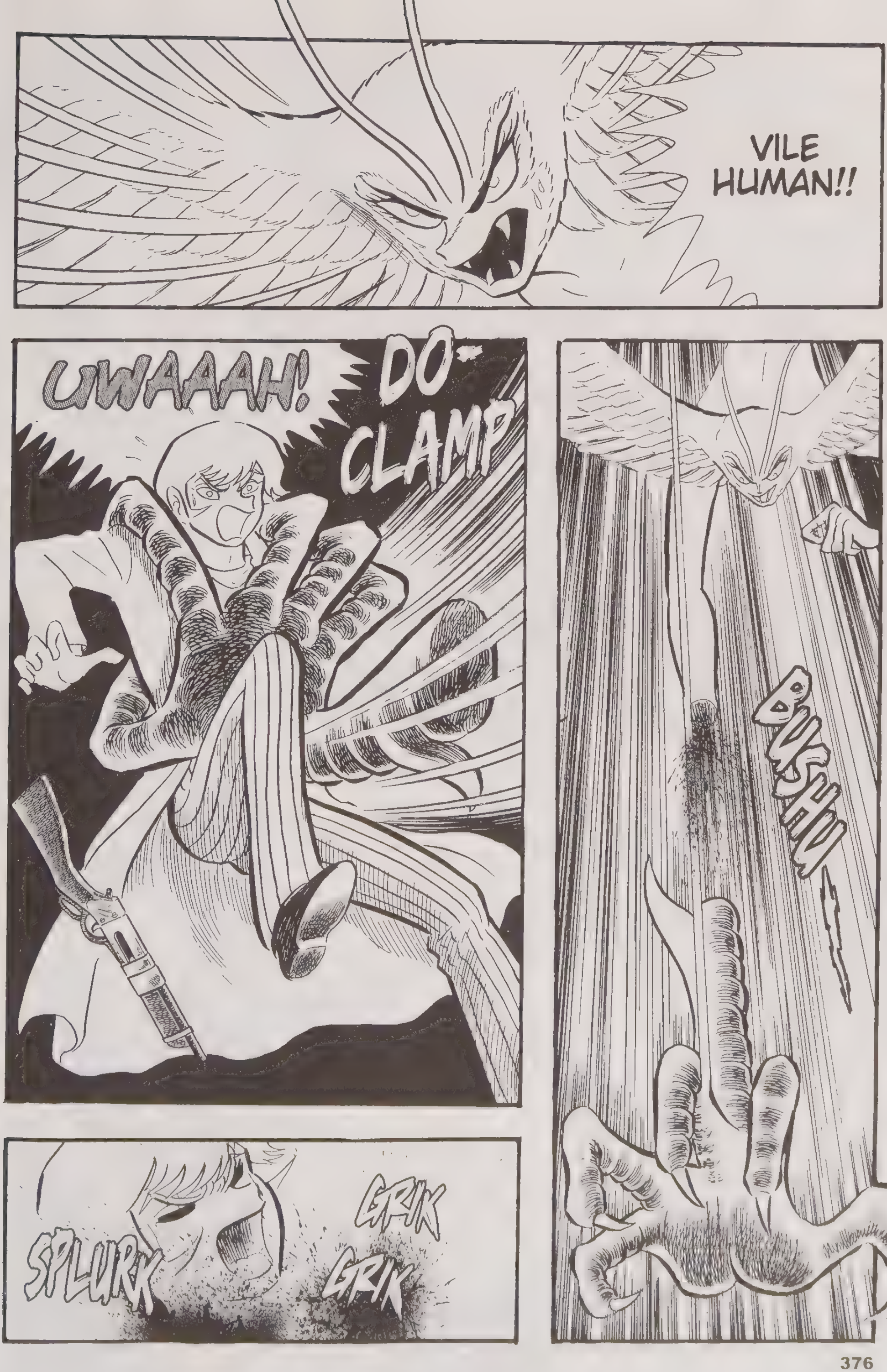
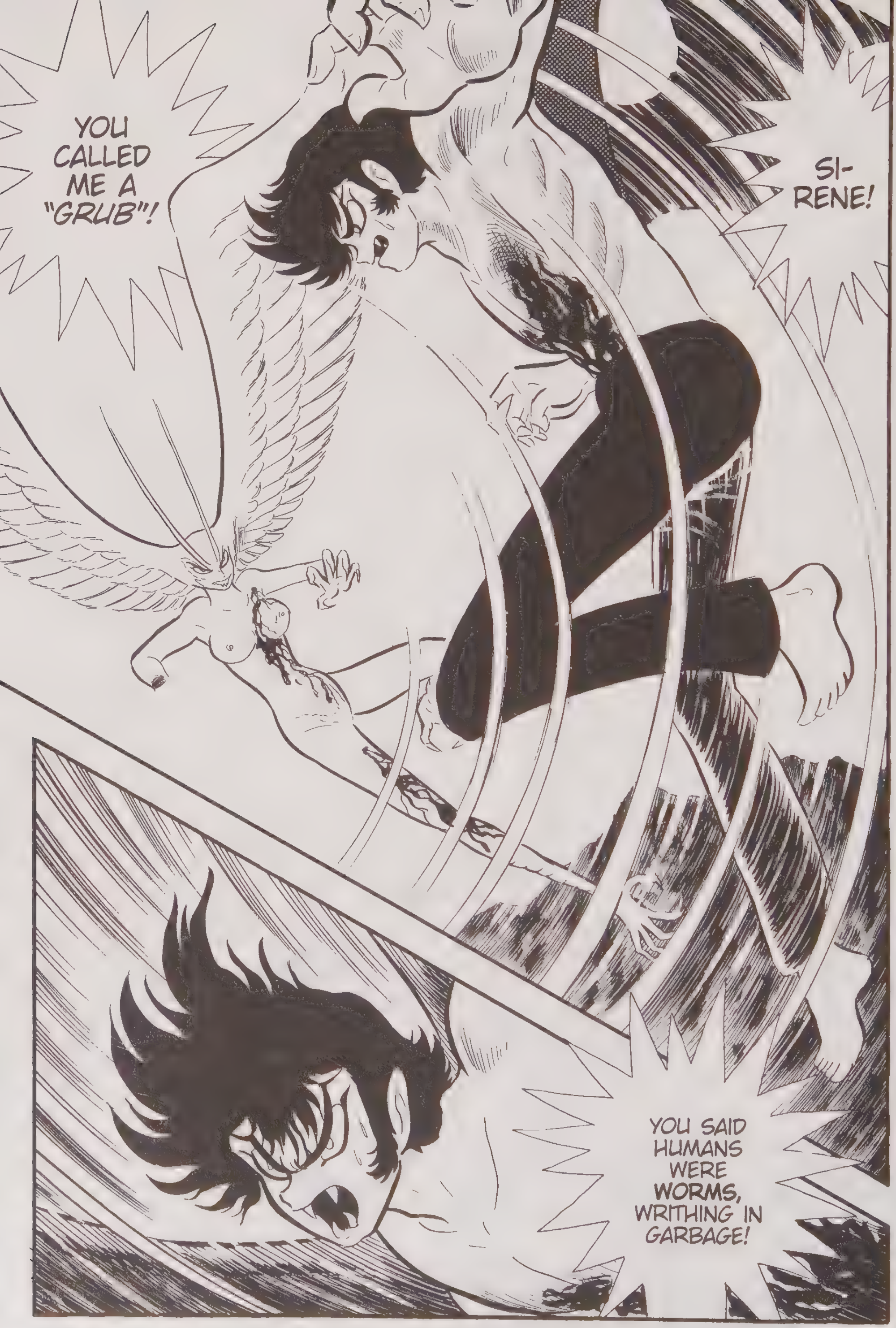
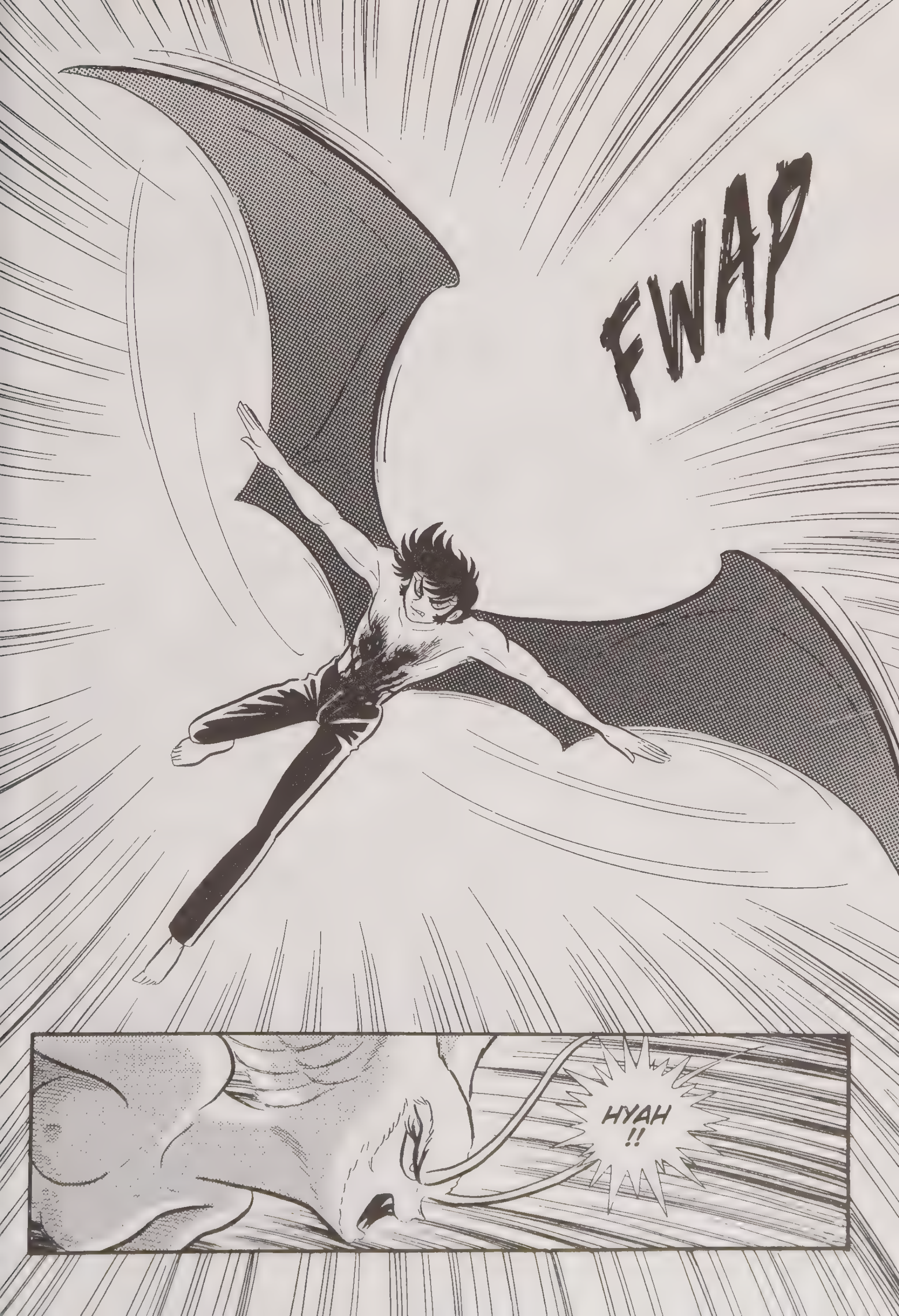

KERGH–!!

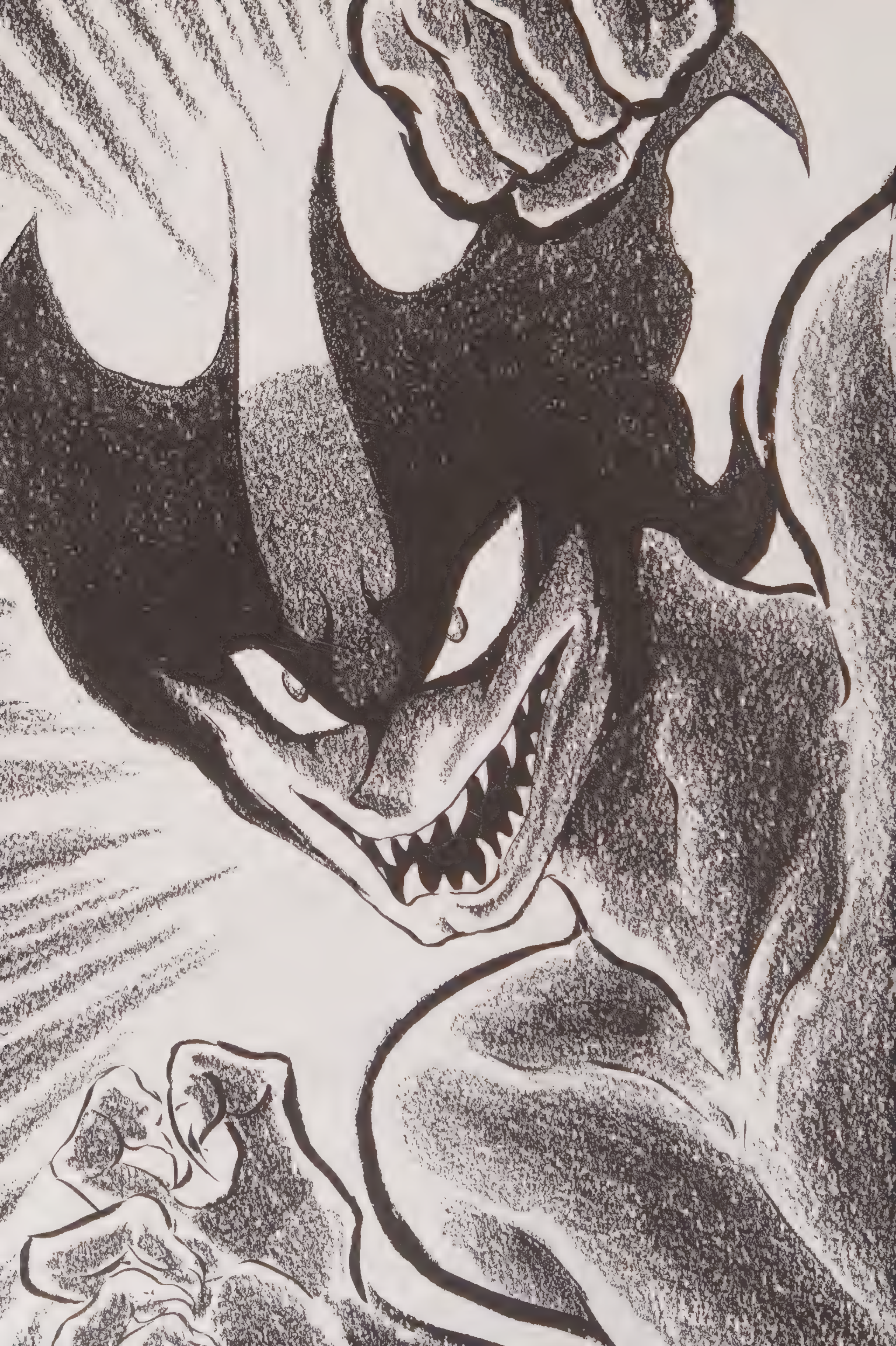

RYO?!
WHAT'RE YOU--?!
BLAAM
KA-BLAAM
KA-BLAAM
KA-BLAAAM
SLIP

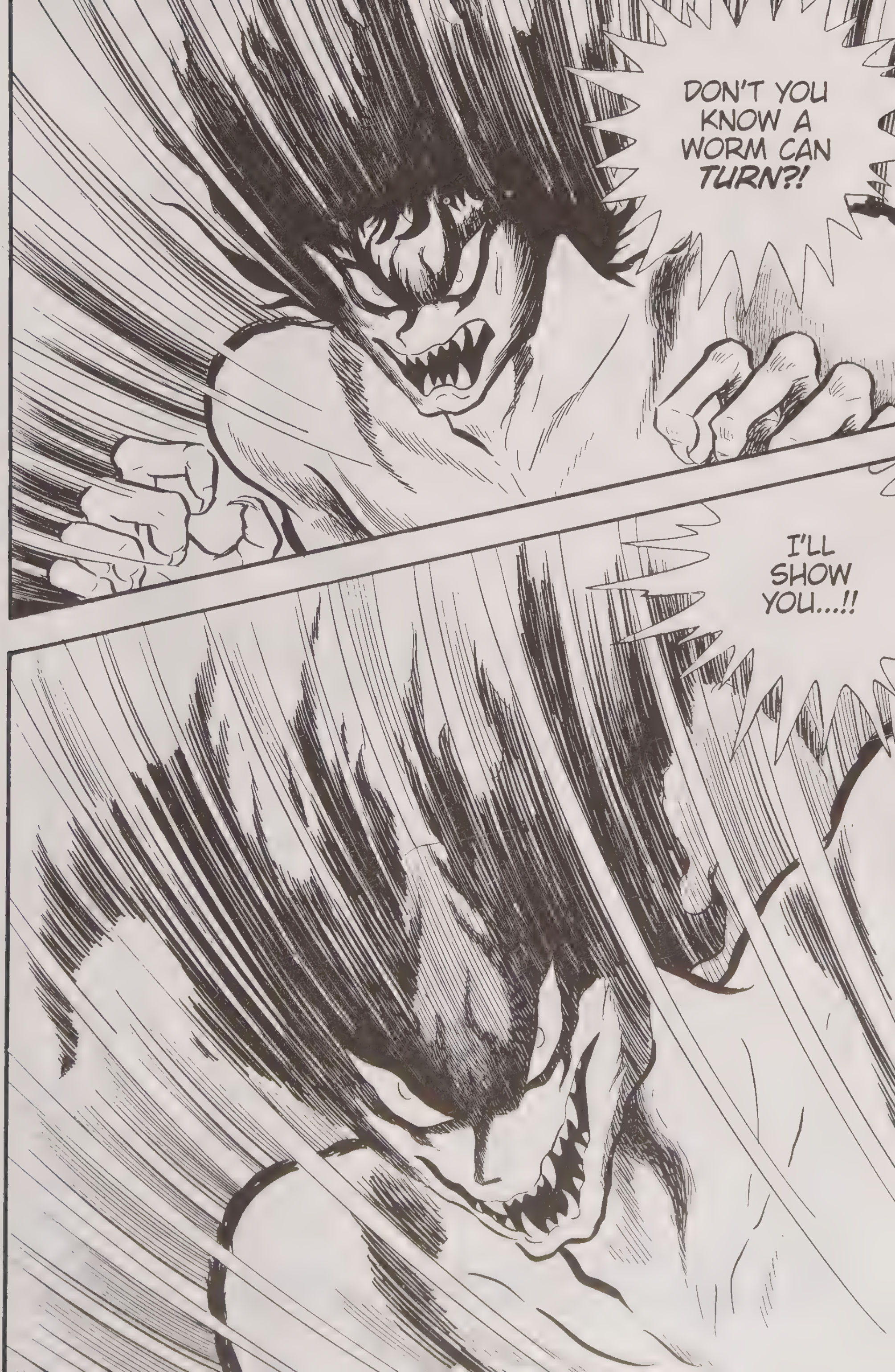

GYAARGGH!
SKSHHHH
ZWOOOOSH

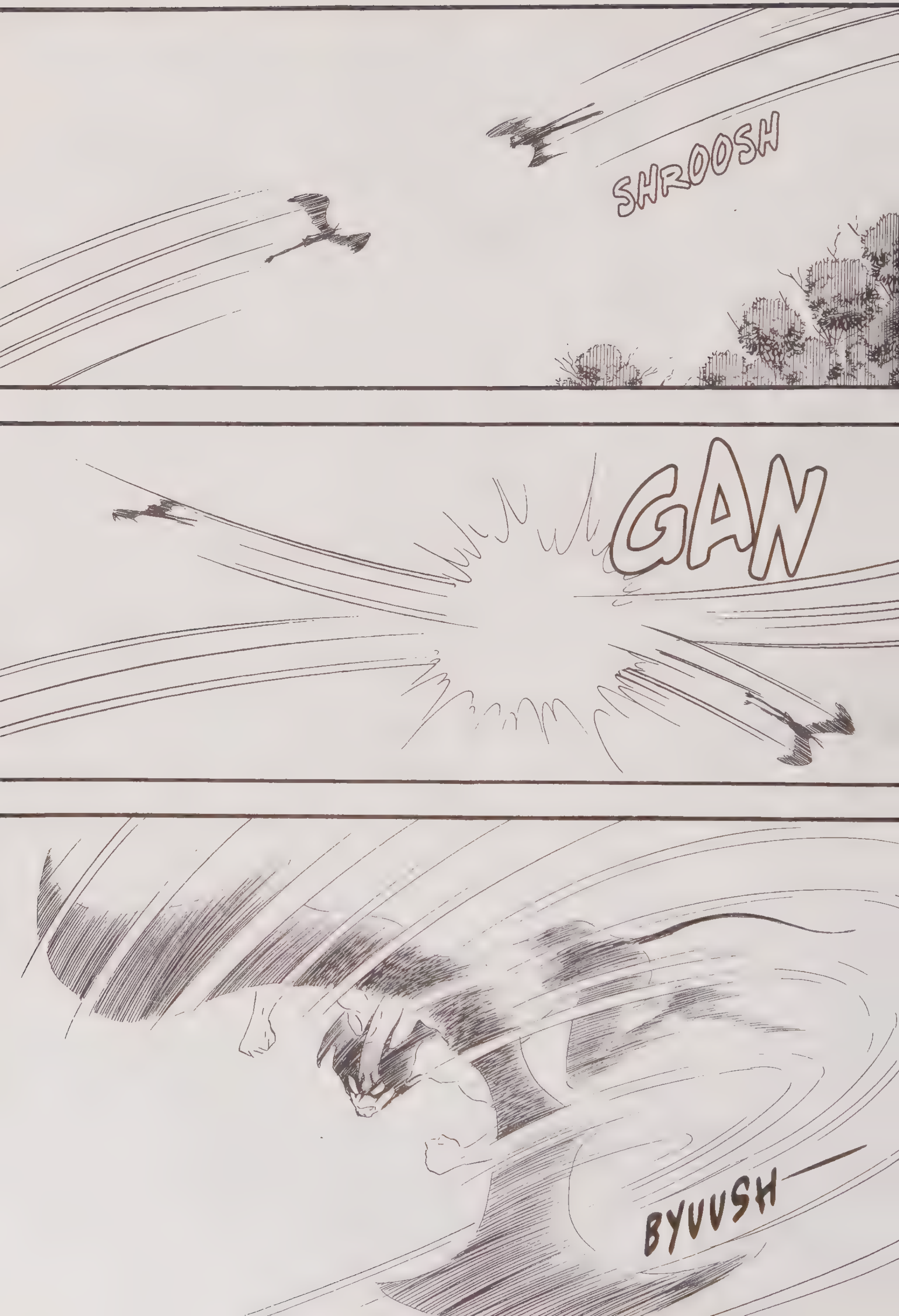

VILE HUMAN!!
BUSHU
DO-CLAMP
UWAAAH!
GRIK
GRIK
SPLURK

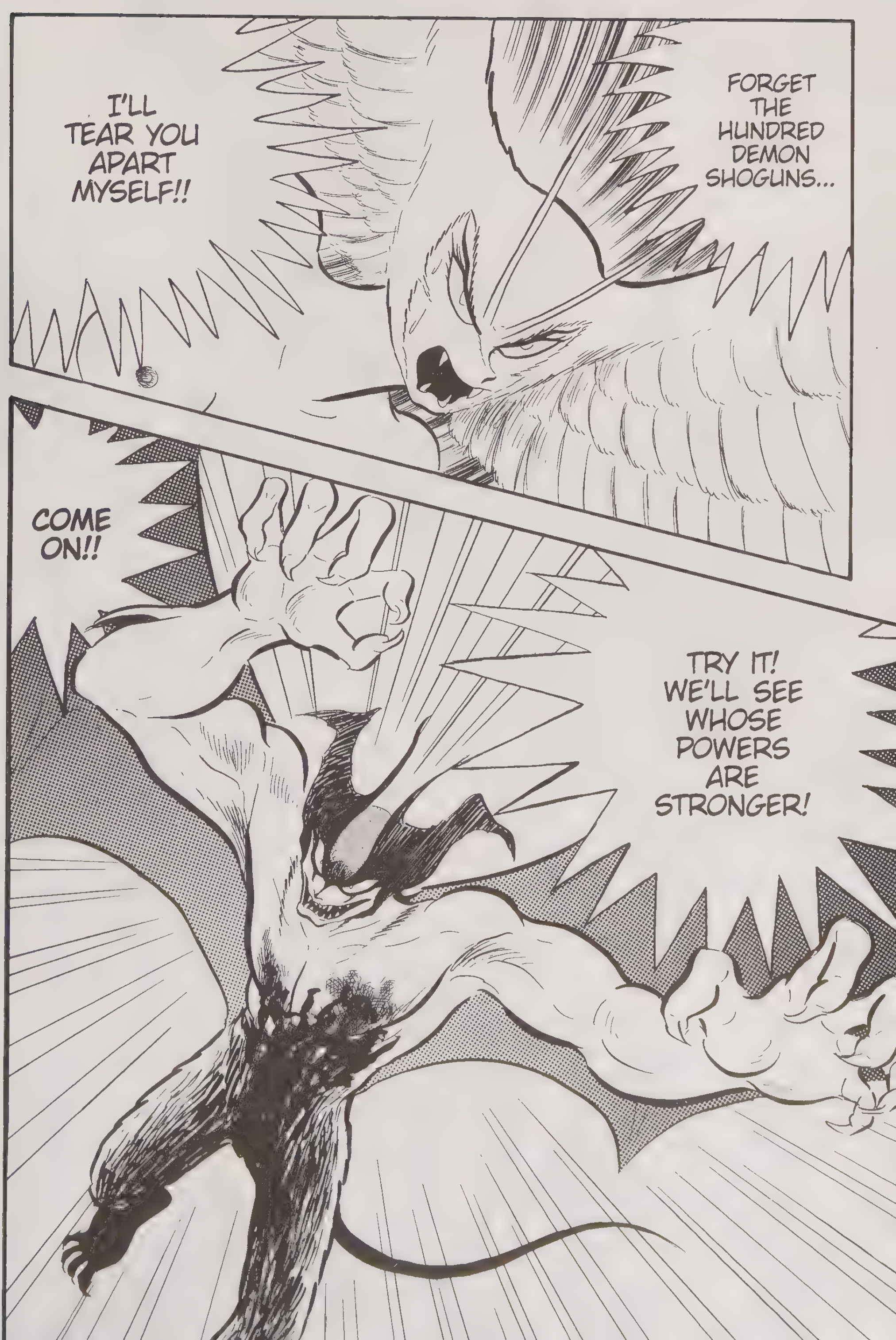

SI-RENE!
YOU CALLED ME A "GRUB"!
YOU SAID HUMANS WERE WORMS, WRITHING IN GARBAGE!

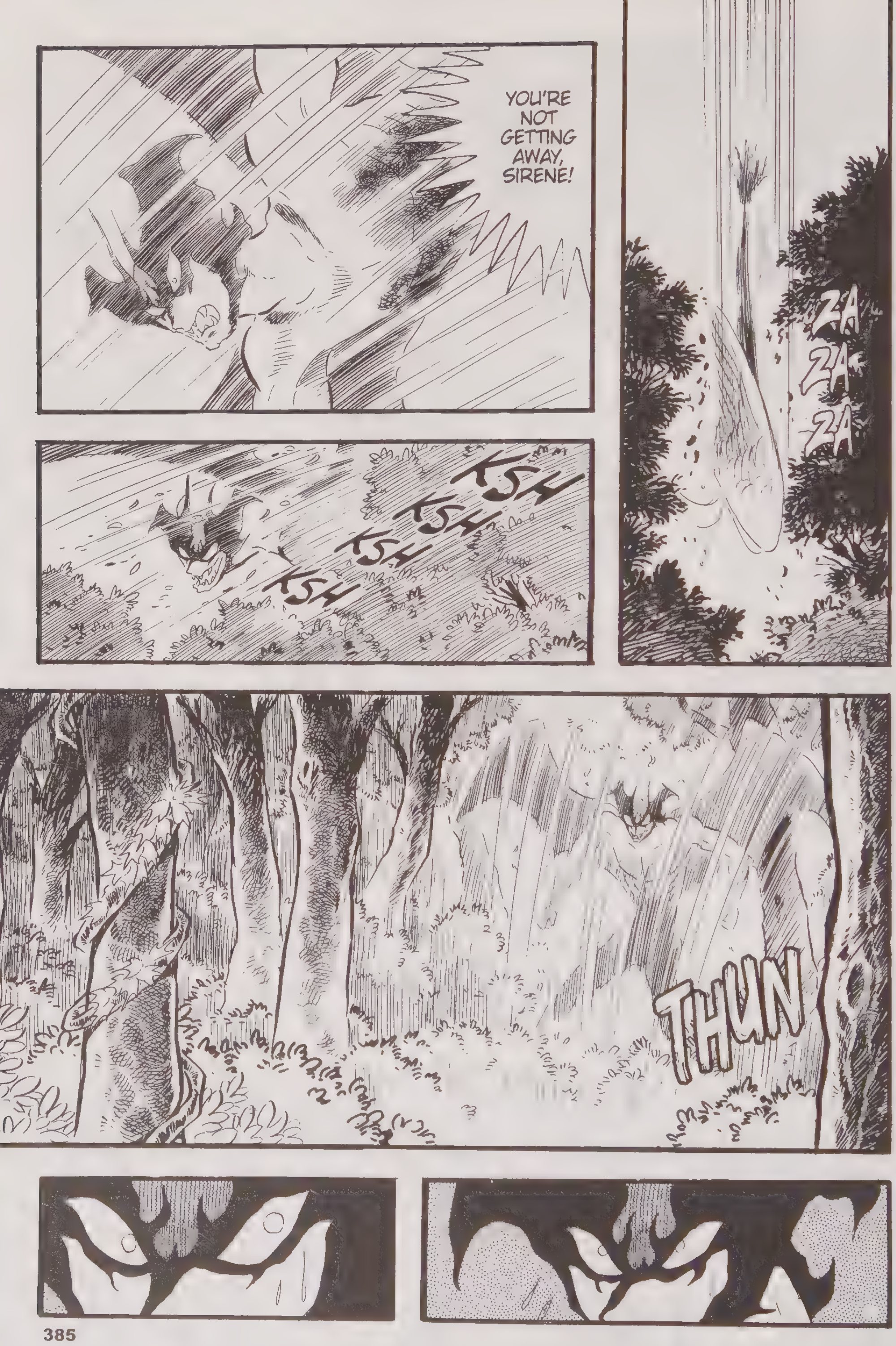

FWAP
HYAH !!

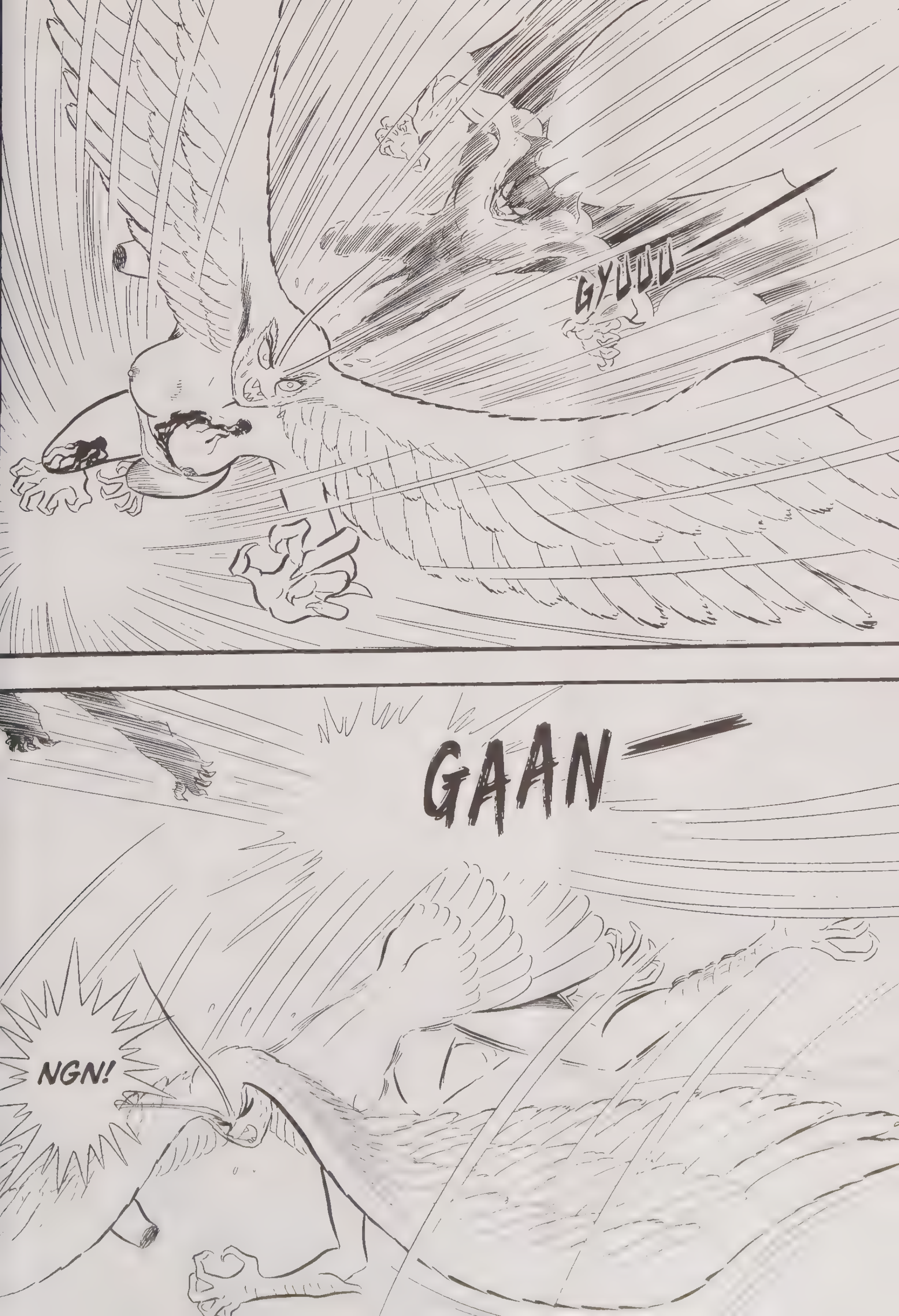



DON'T YOU KNOW A WORM CAN *TURN?!*
I'LL SHOW YOU...!!


SHROOSH
GAN
BYUUSH


FORGET THE HUNDRED DEMON SHOGUNS...
I'LL TEAR YOU APART MYSELF!!
TRY IT! WE'LL SEE WHOSE POWERS ARE STRONGER!
COME ON!!


YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY, SIRENE!
KSH KSH KSH KSH
ZA ZA ZA
THUN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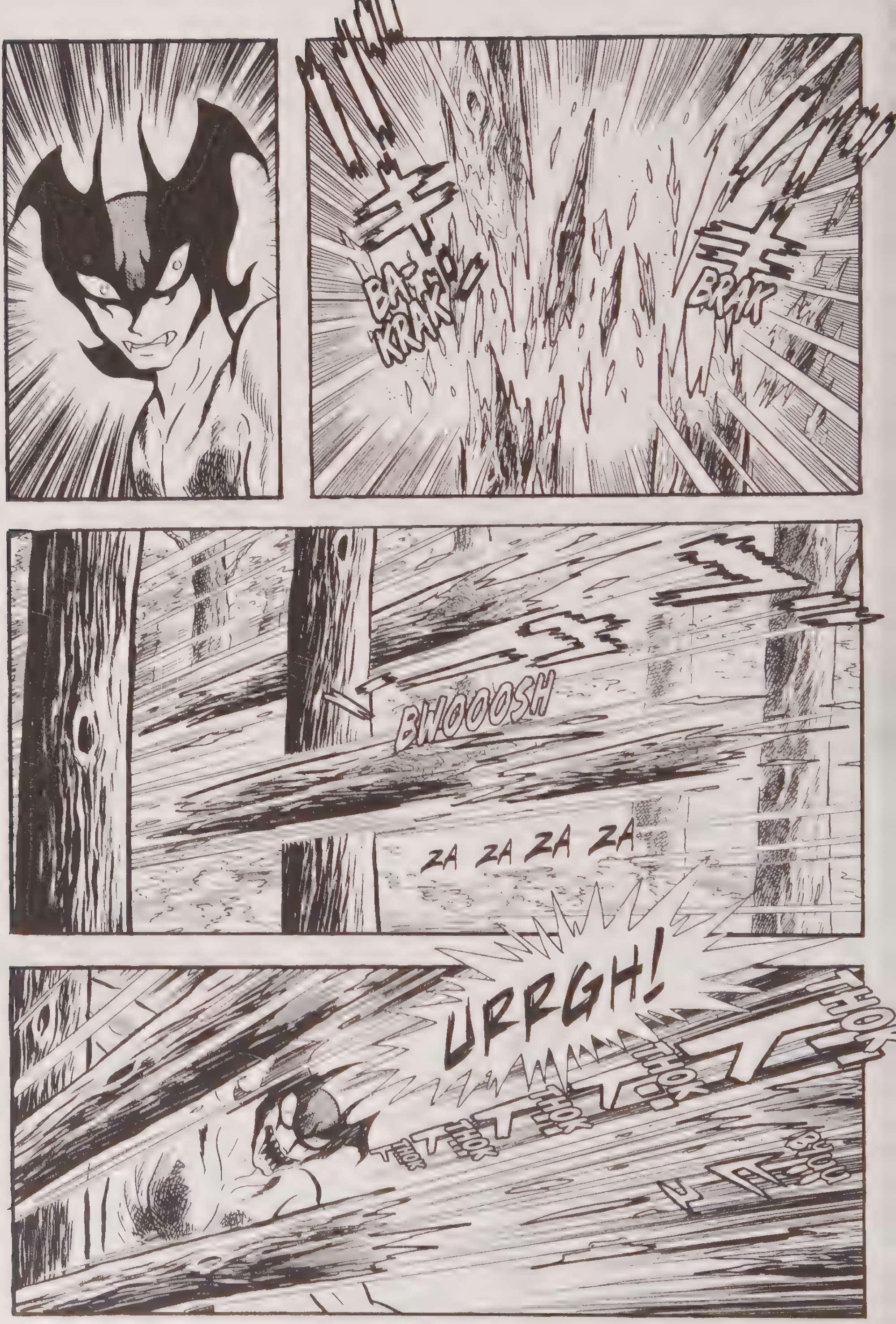
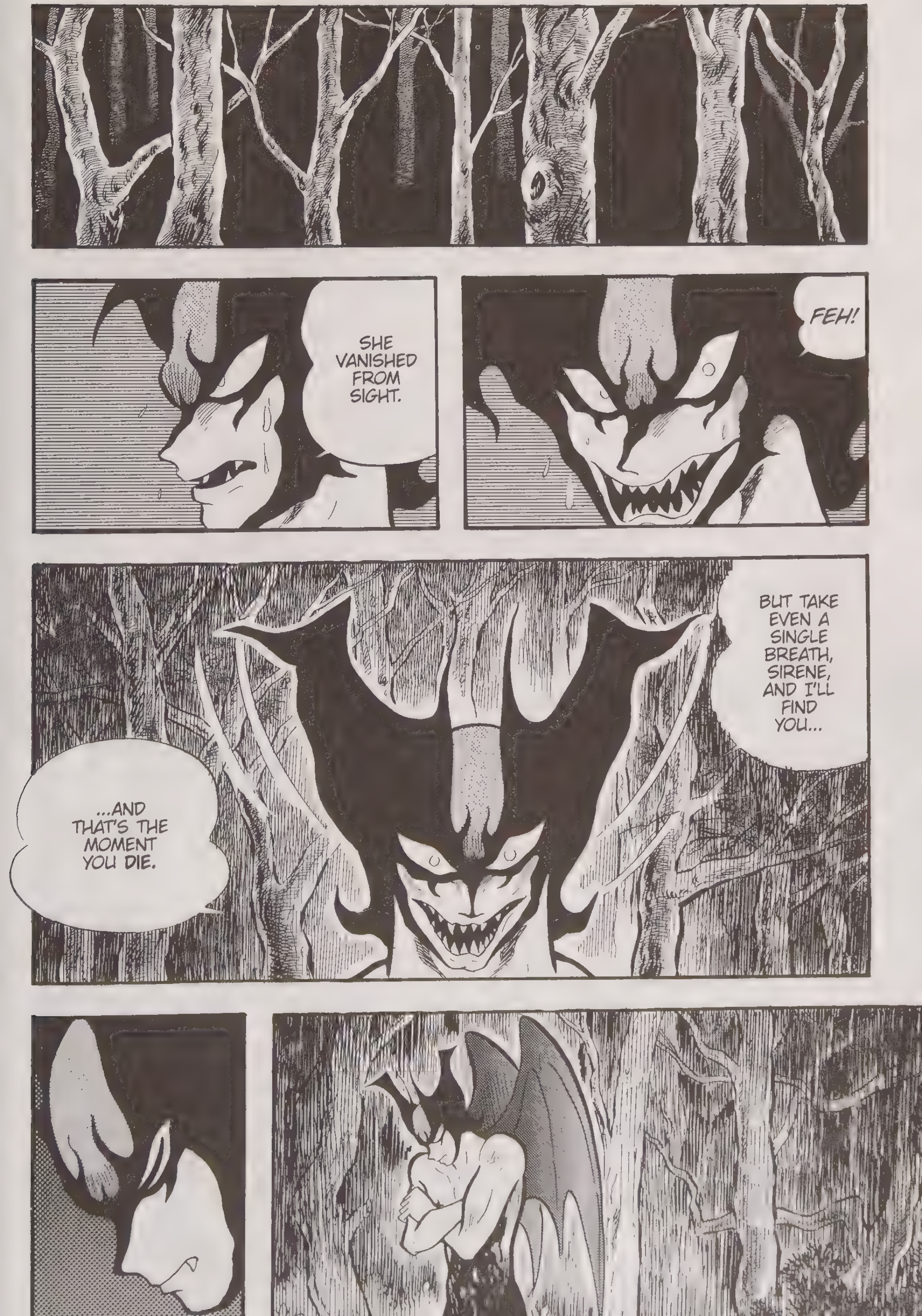
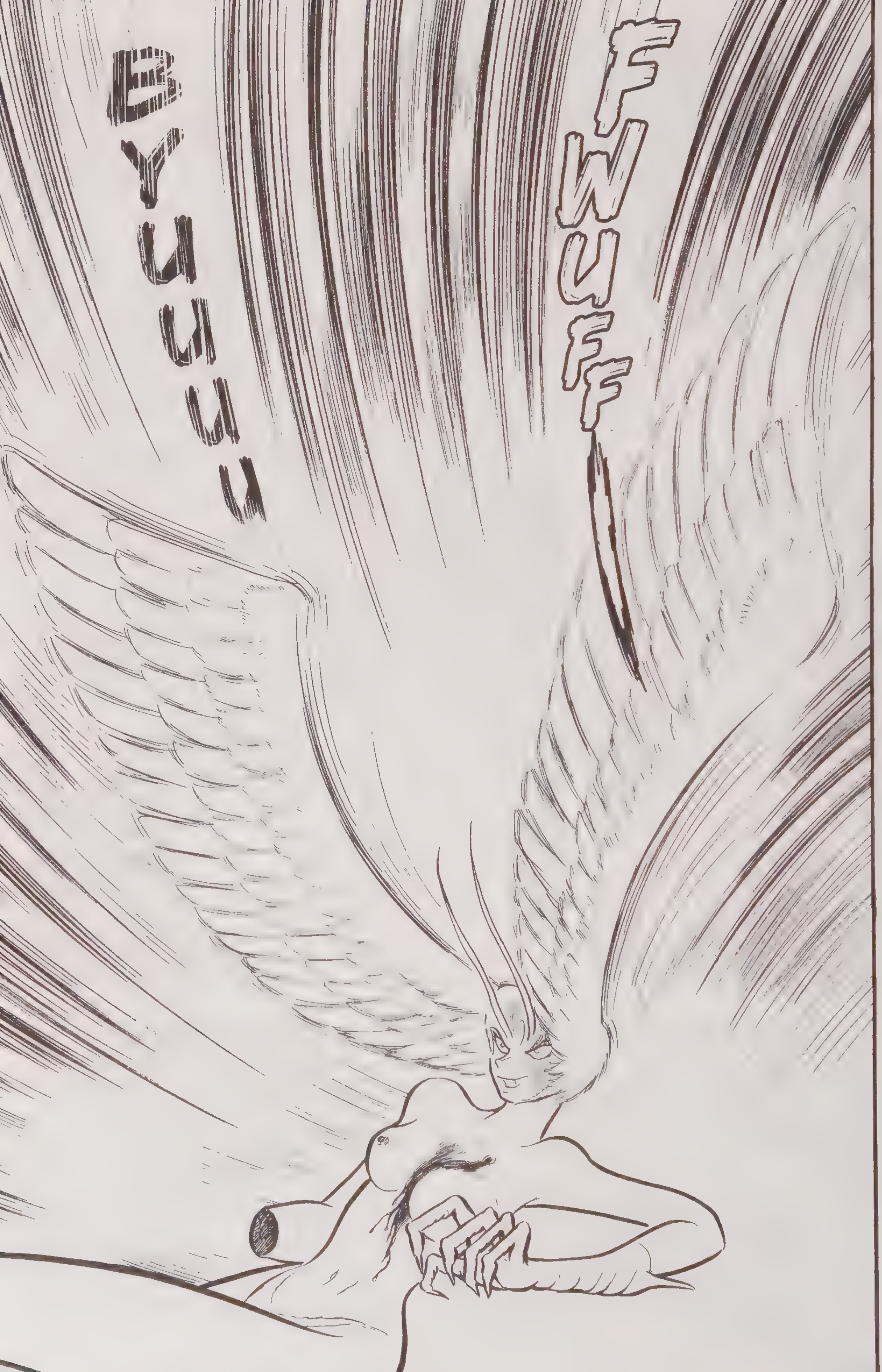
GAAN
NGN!


BA-KRAK!
BRAK
BWOOOSH
ZA ZA ZA ZA
URRGH!
THOK
THOK
THOK
THOK!
THOK!
BYUU!


SHE VANISHED FROM SIGHT.
FEH!
BUT TAKE EVEN A SINGLE BREATH, SIRENE, AND I'LL FIND YOU...
...AND THAT'S THE MOMENT YOU DIE.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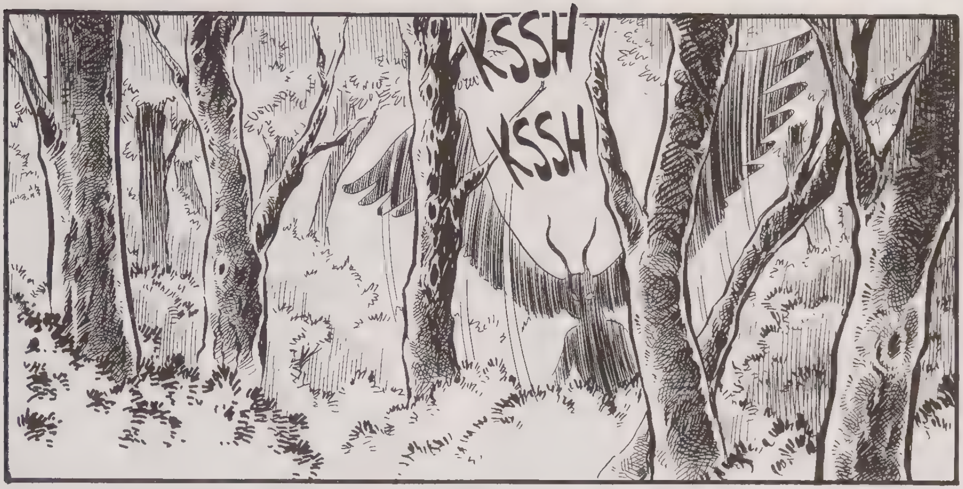
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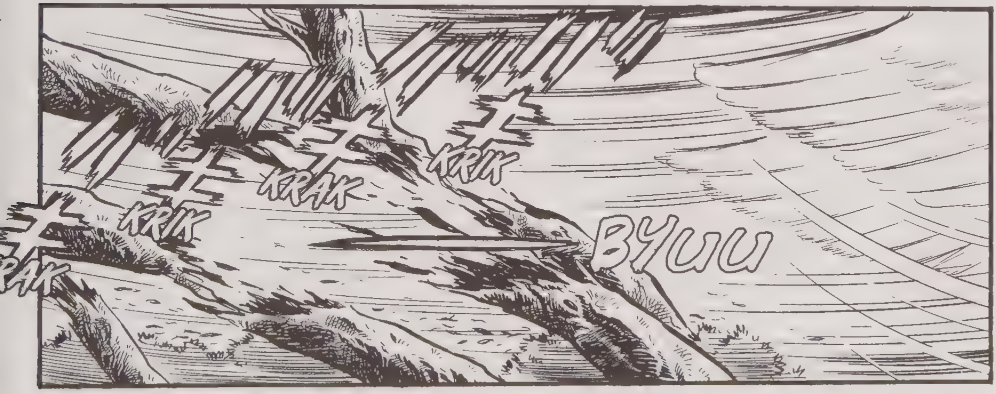
KSSH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KRAK
KRIK
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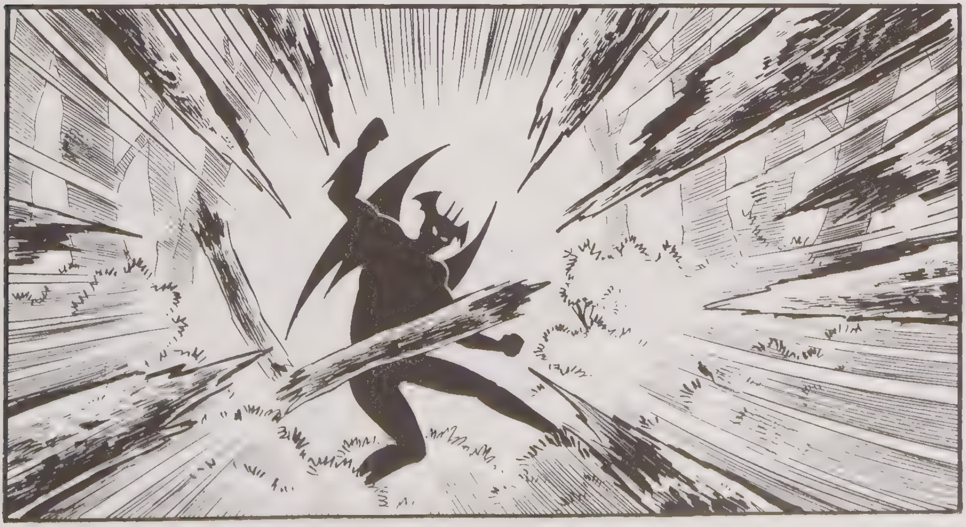

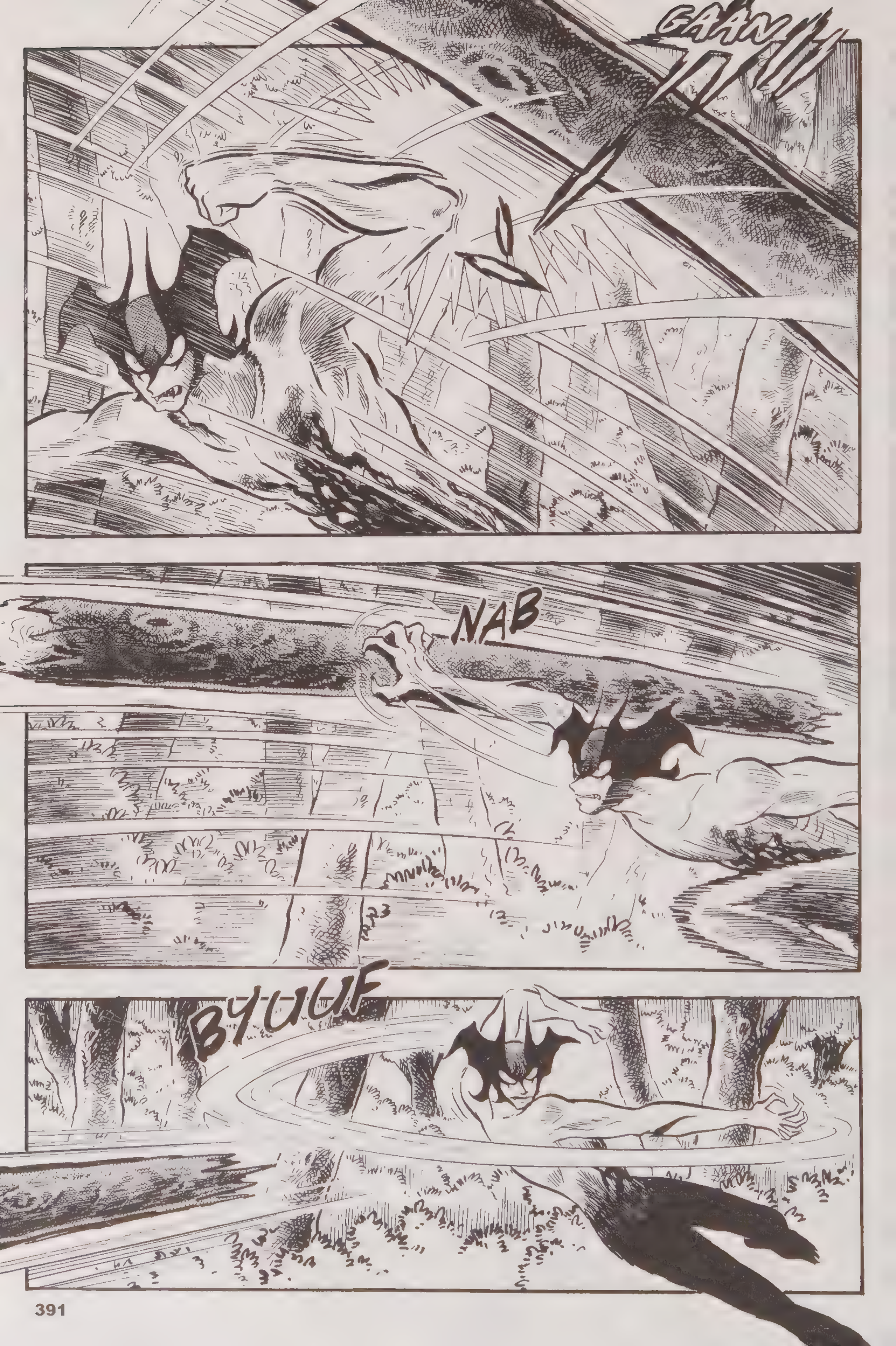
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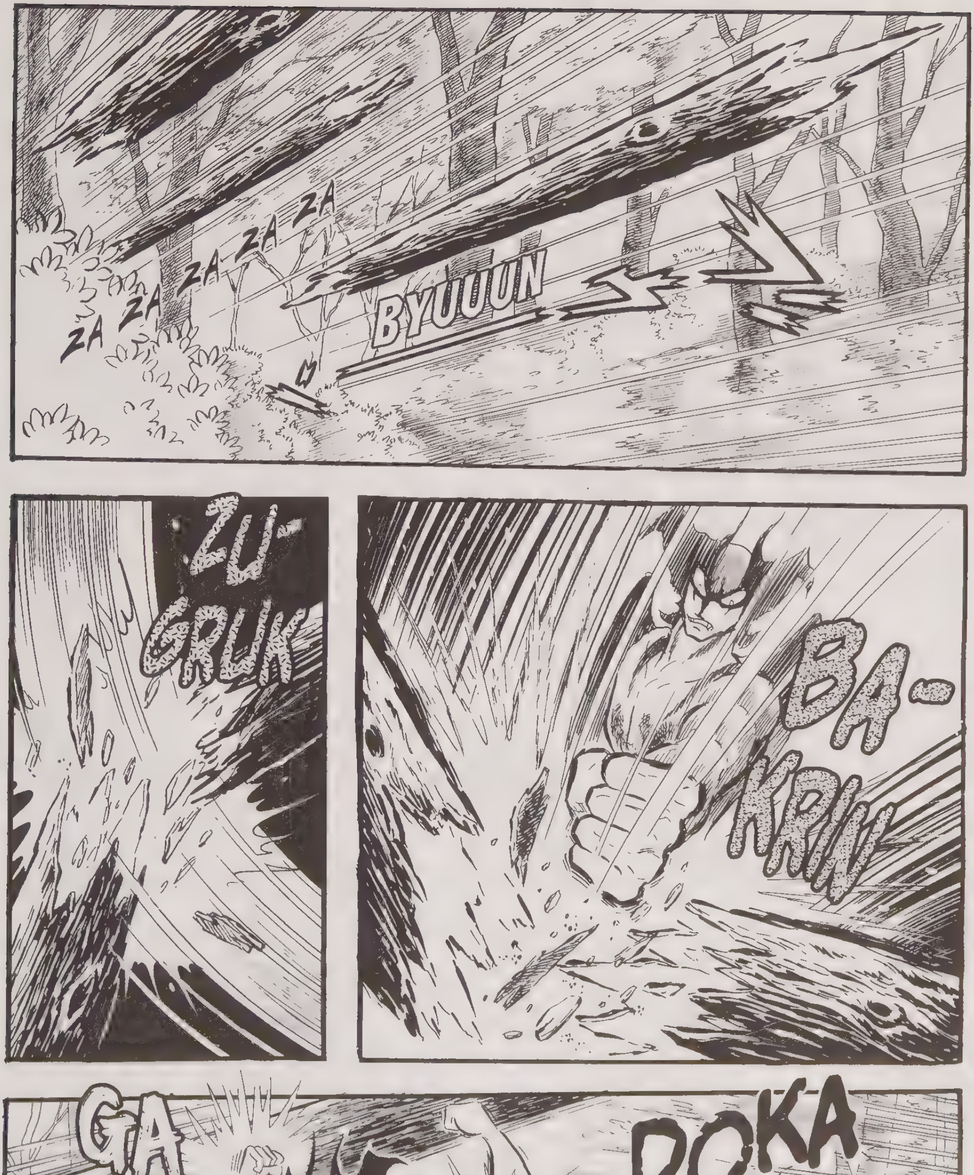
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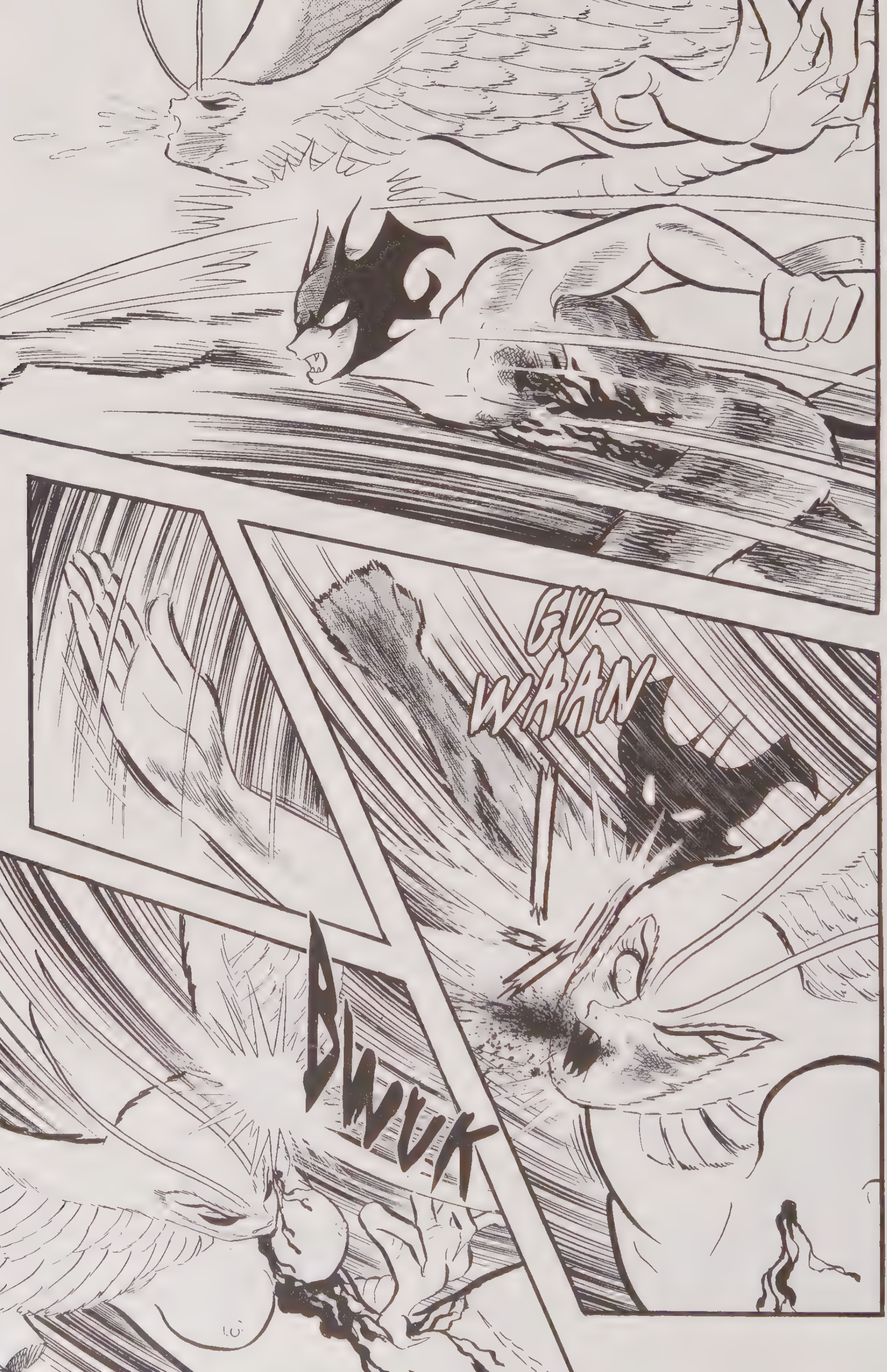
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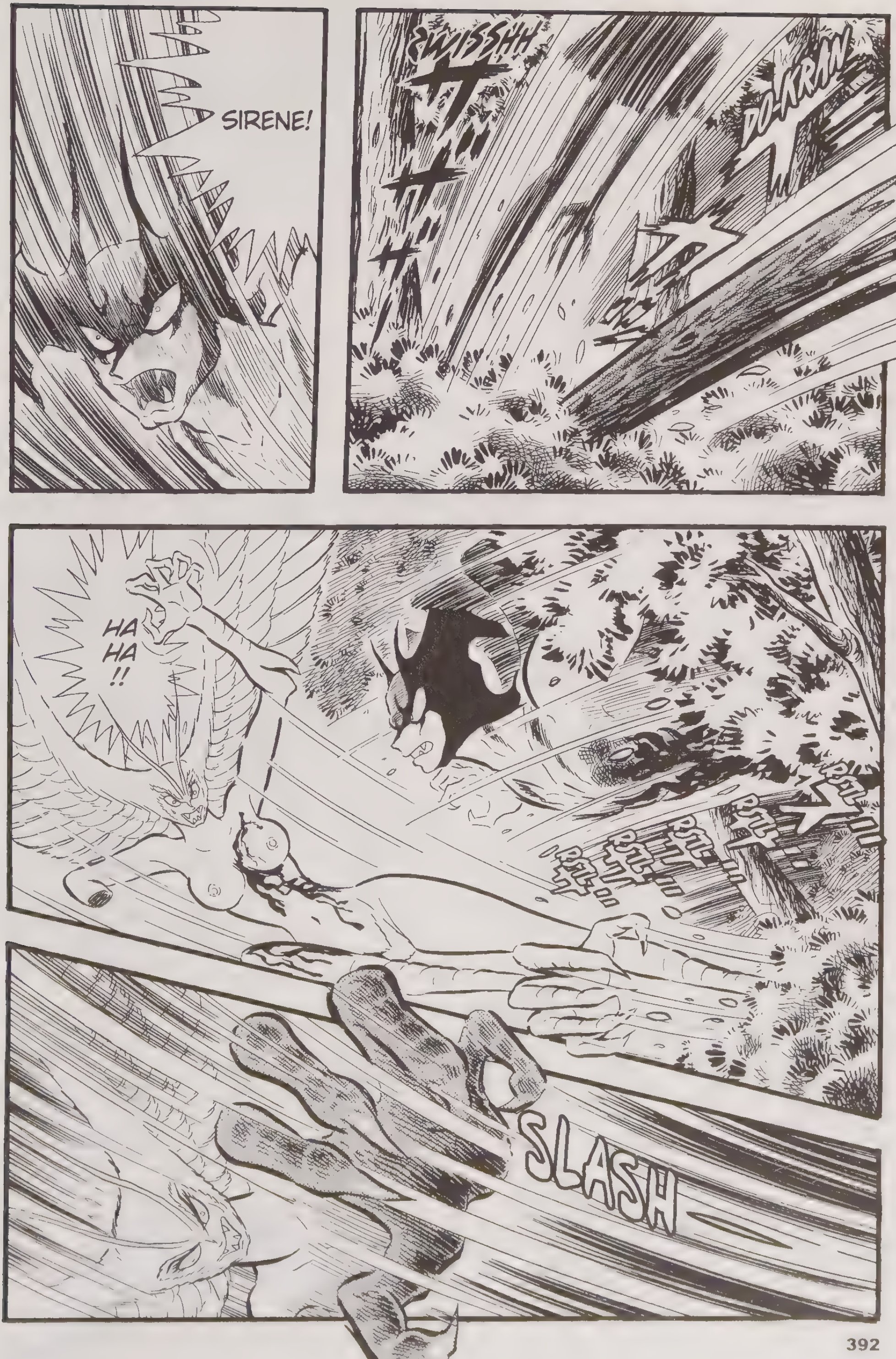
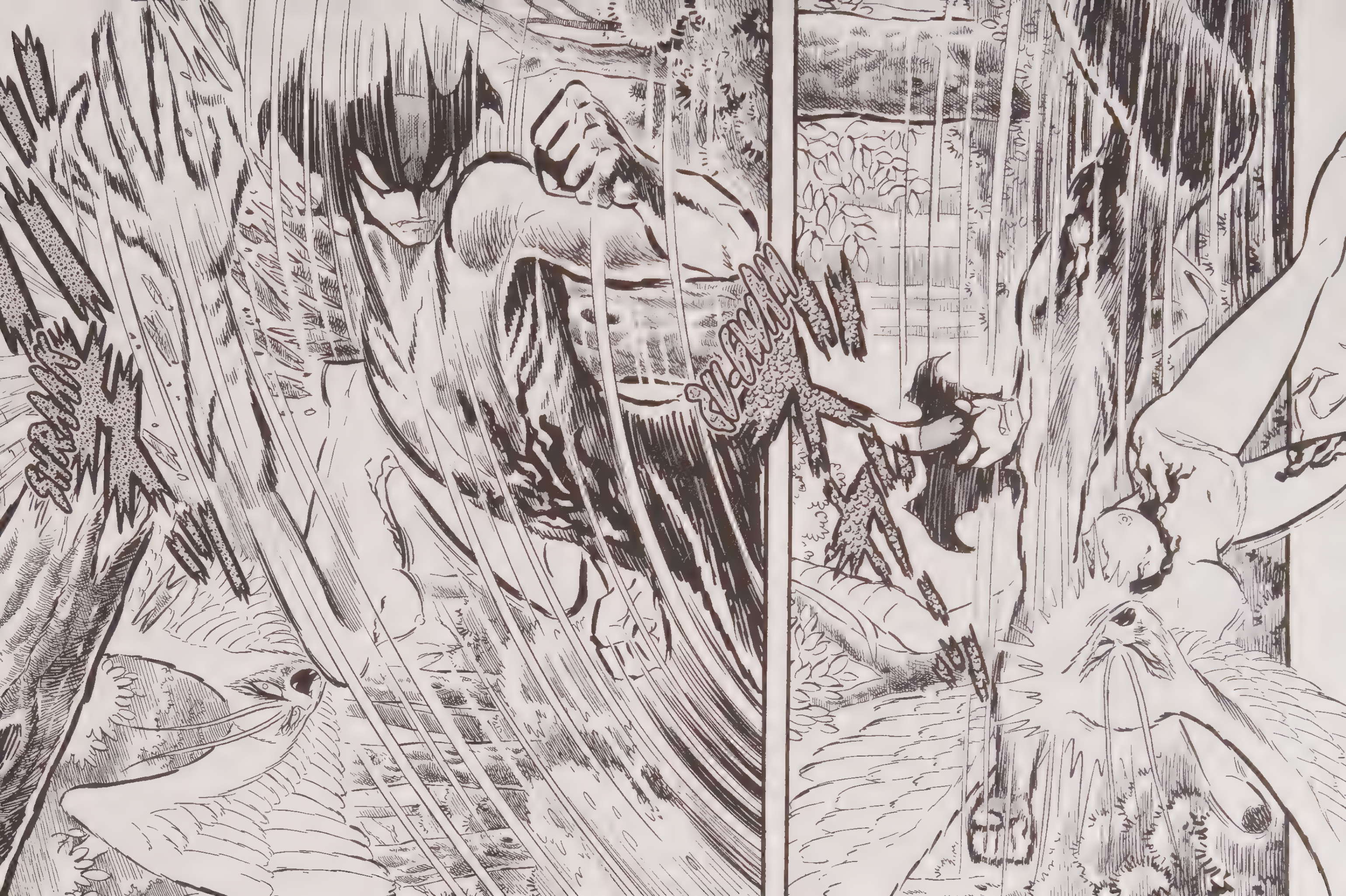

SIRENE!
SWISSHH
DO-KRAN
HA HA!!
PSTT!!
PSTT...!!
PSTT...!!
PSTT...
PSTT...
SLASH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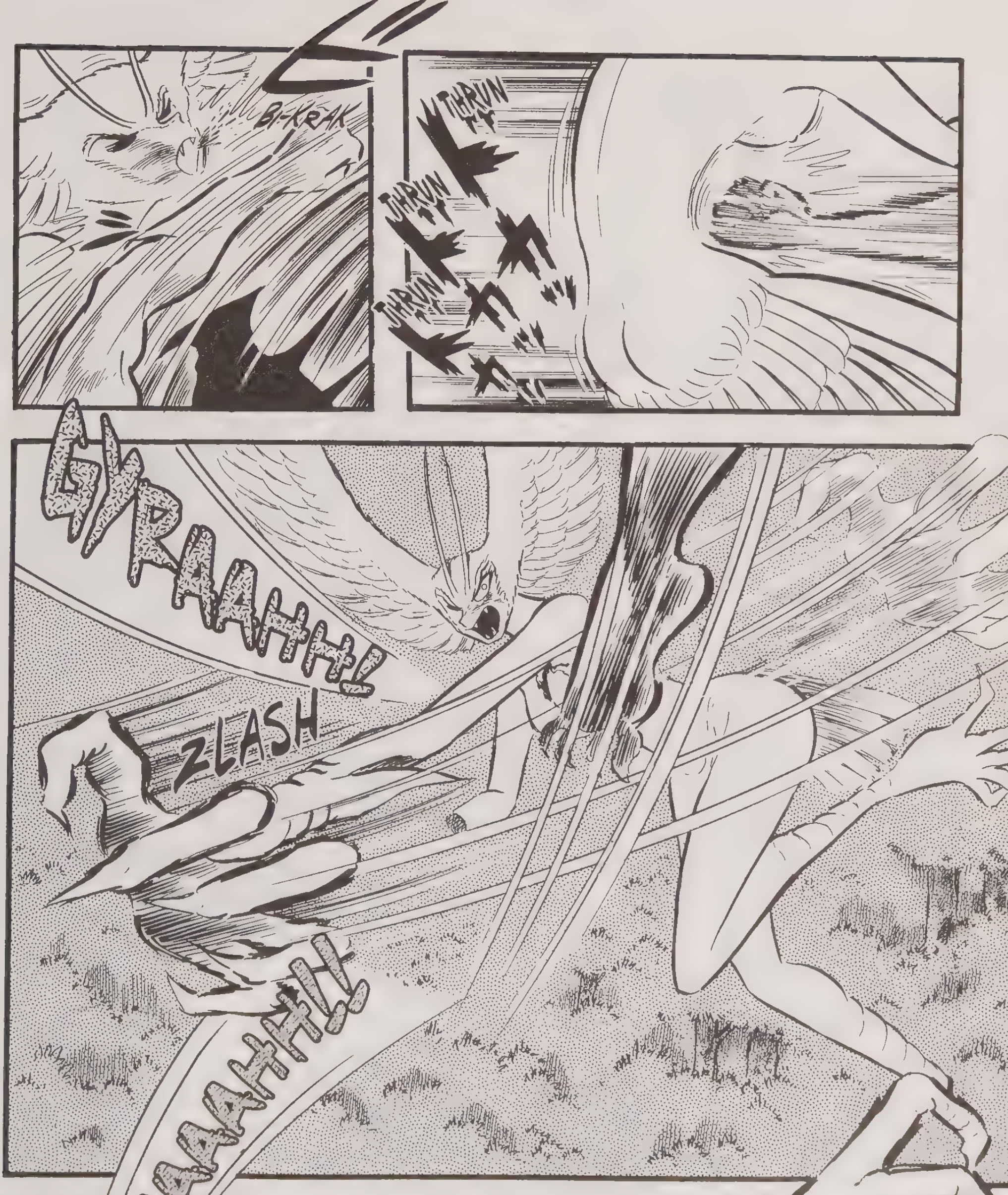
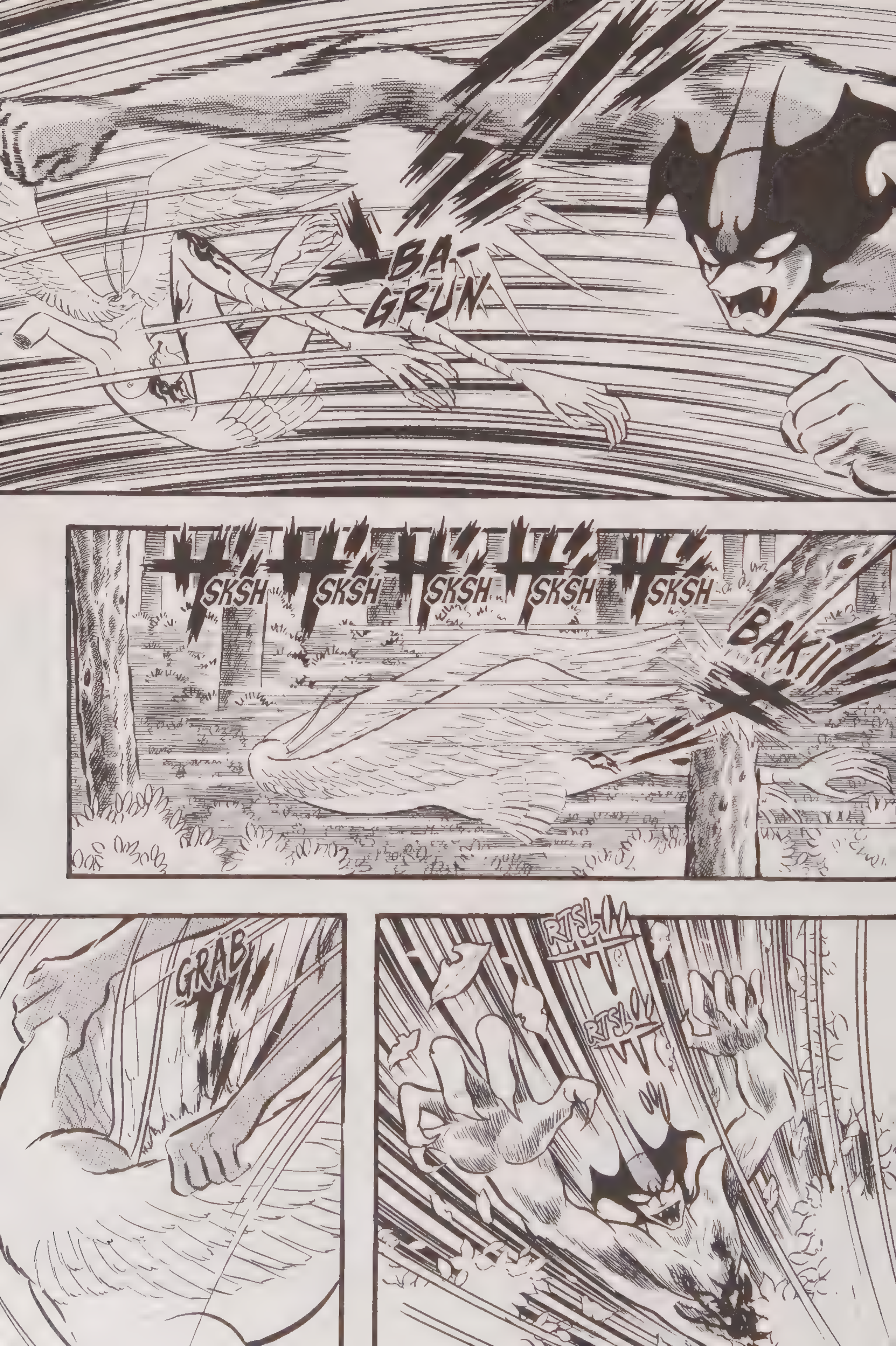
SLAMM!


BI-KRAK
THRUN
THRUN
THRUN
GYRAAAHHH!
ZLASH
KRRAAAHHH!!
ZLASH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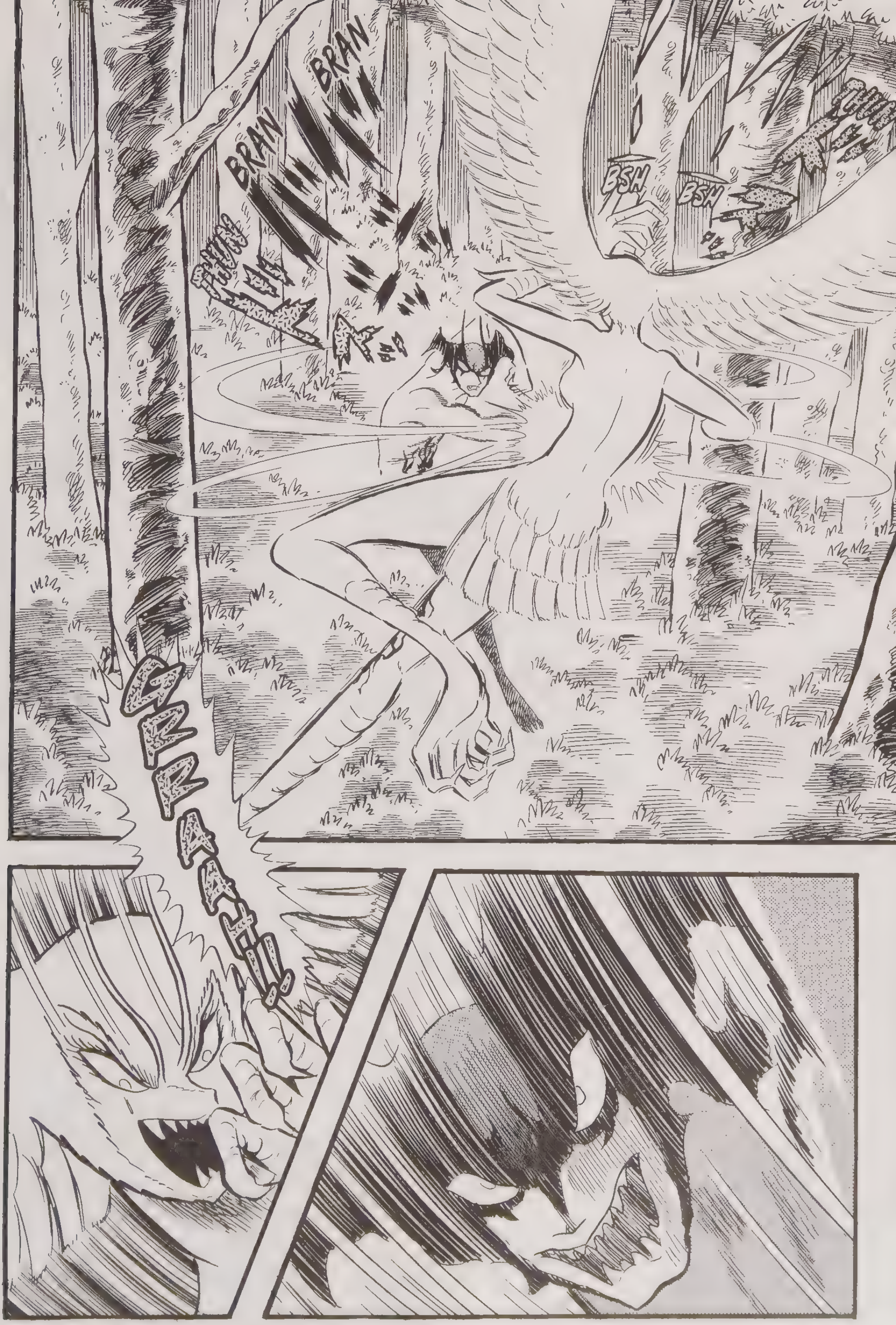
THUM
BSH
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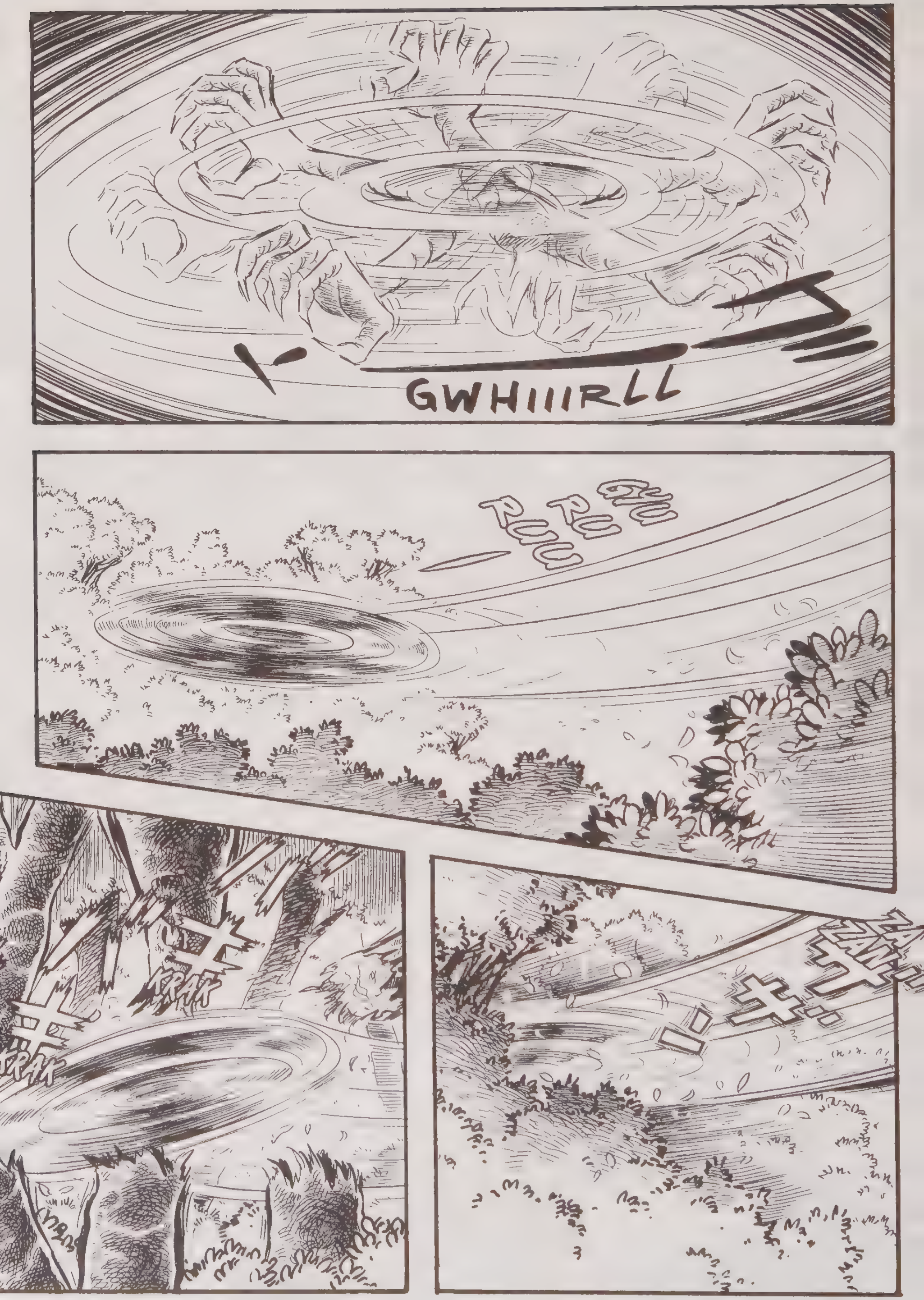
GWAAH!!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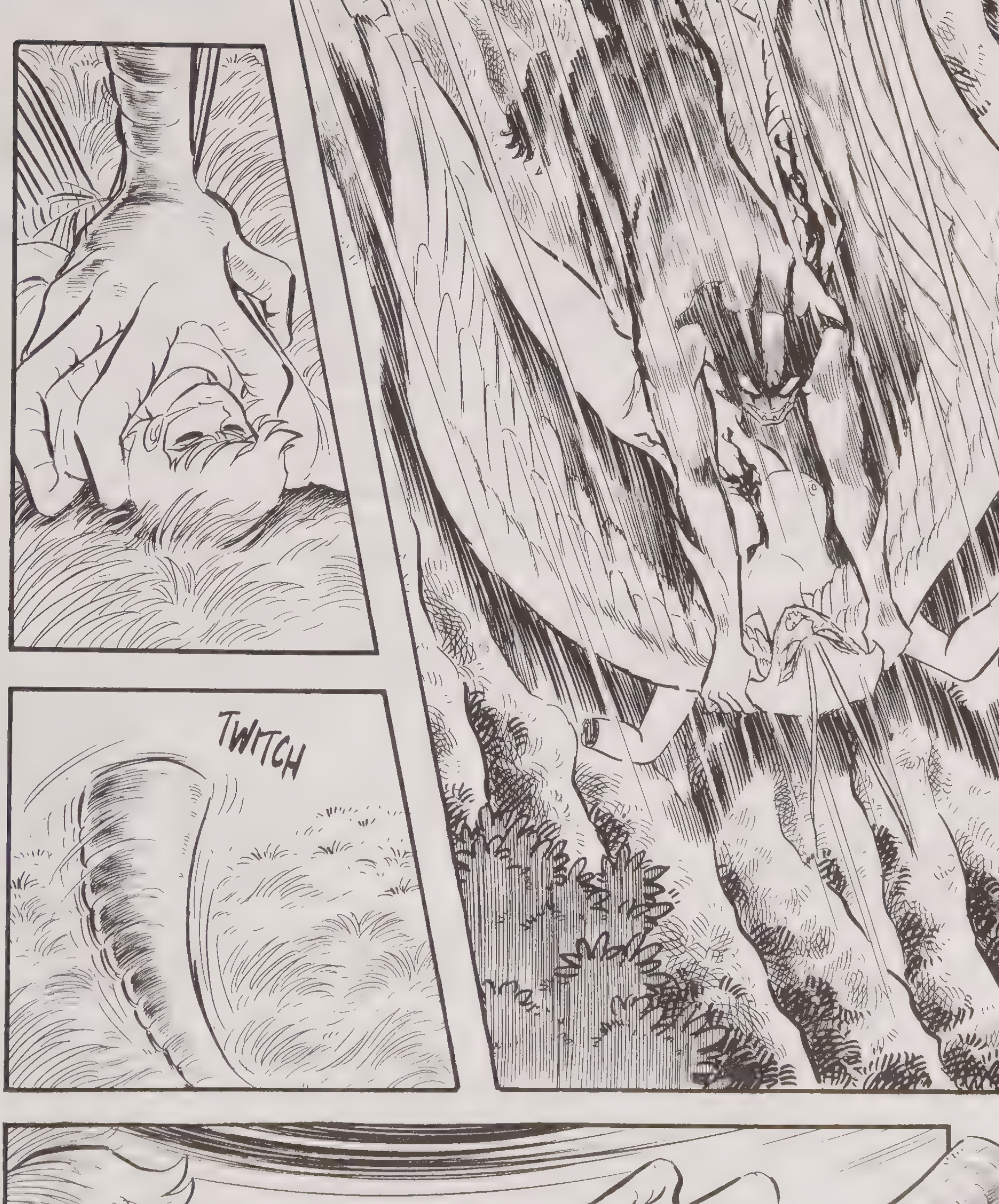
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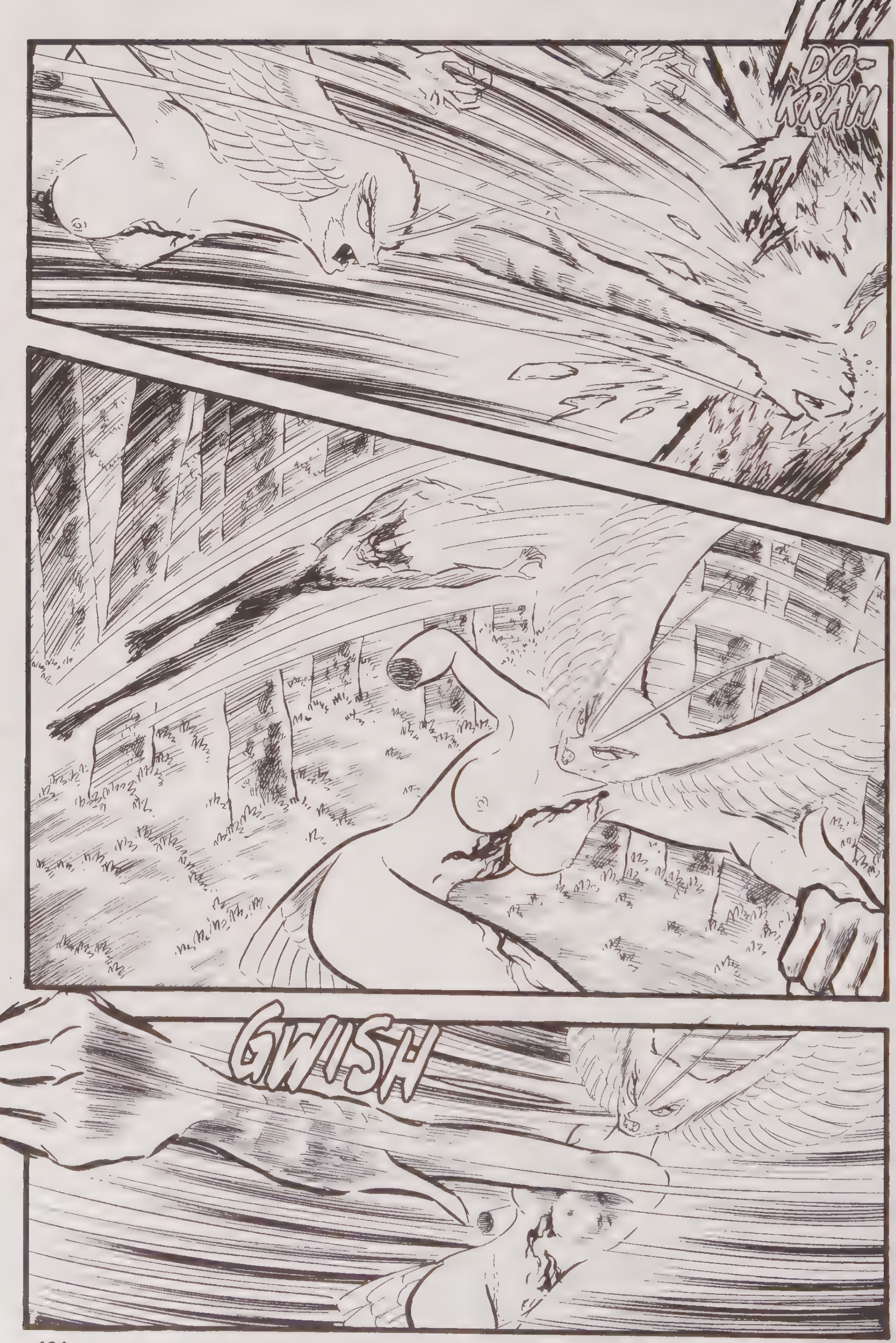
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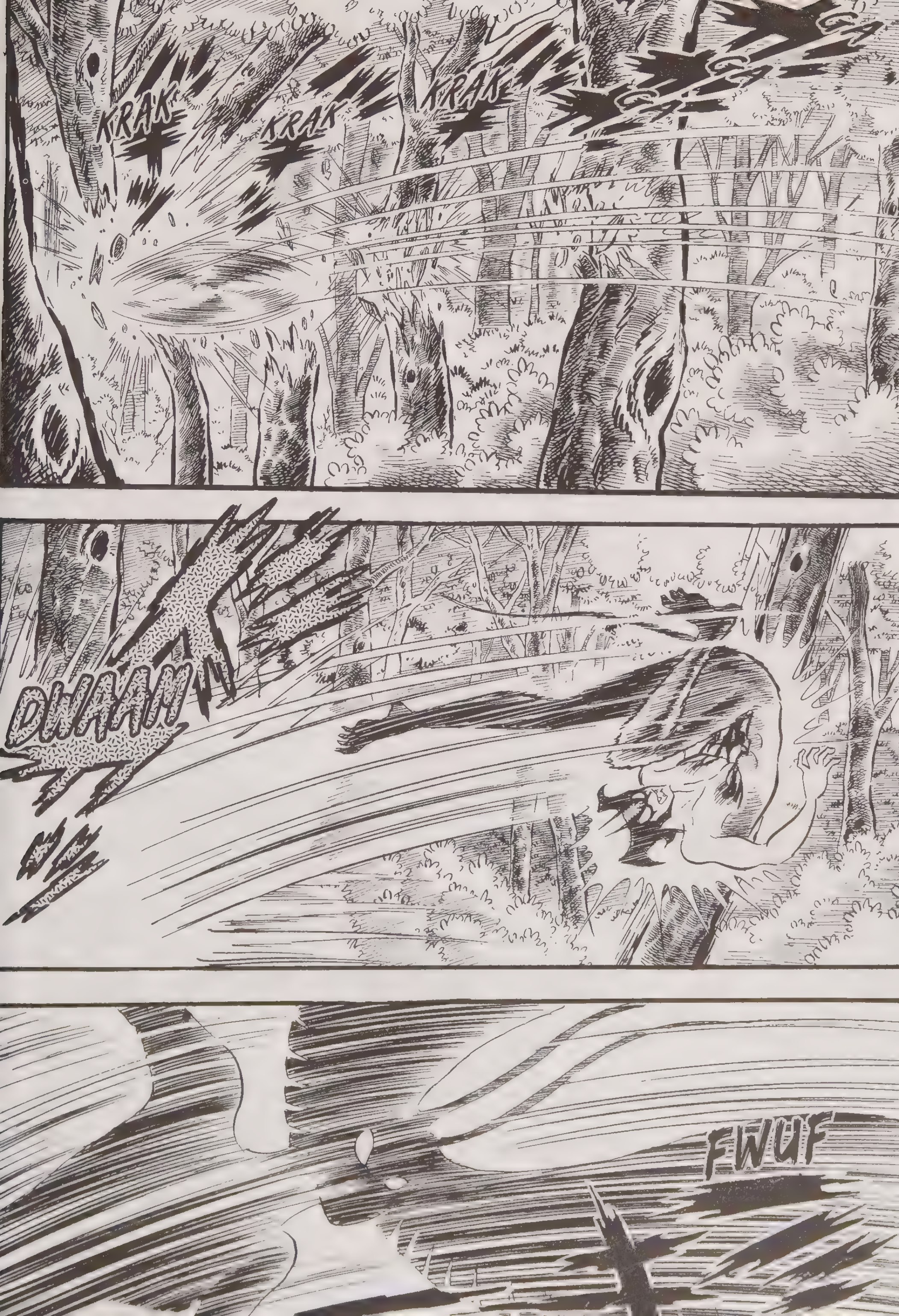
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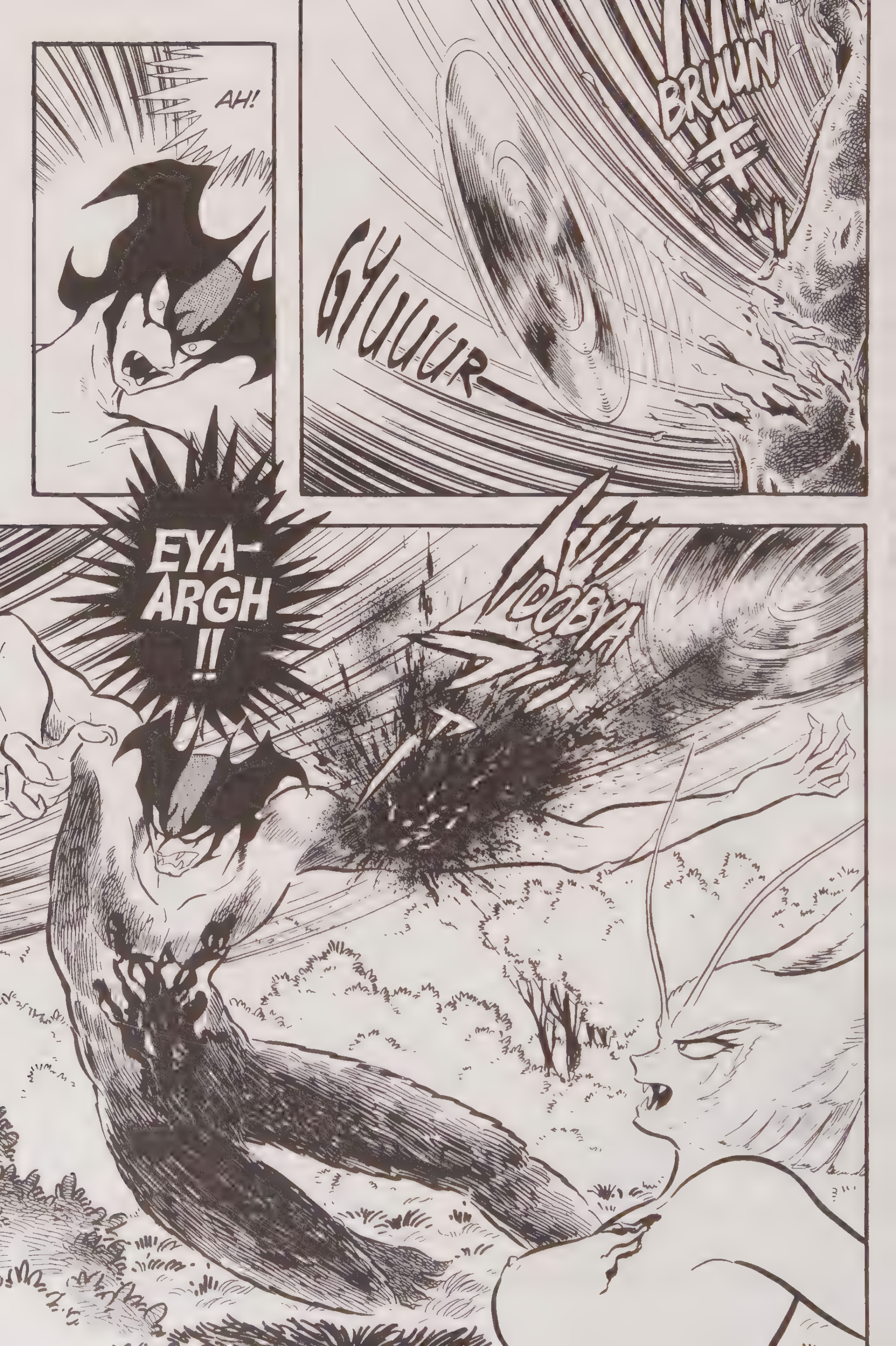
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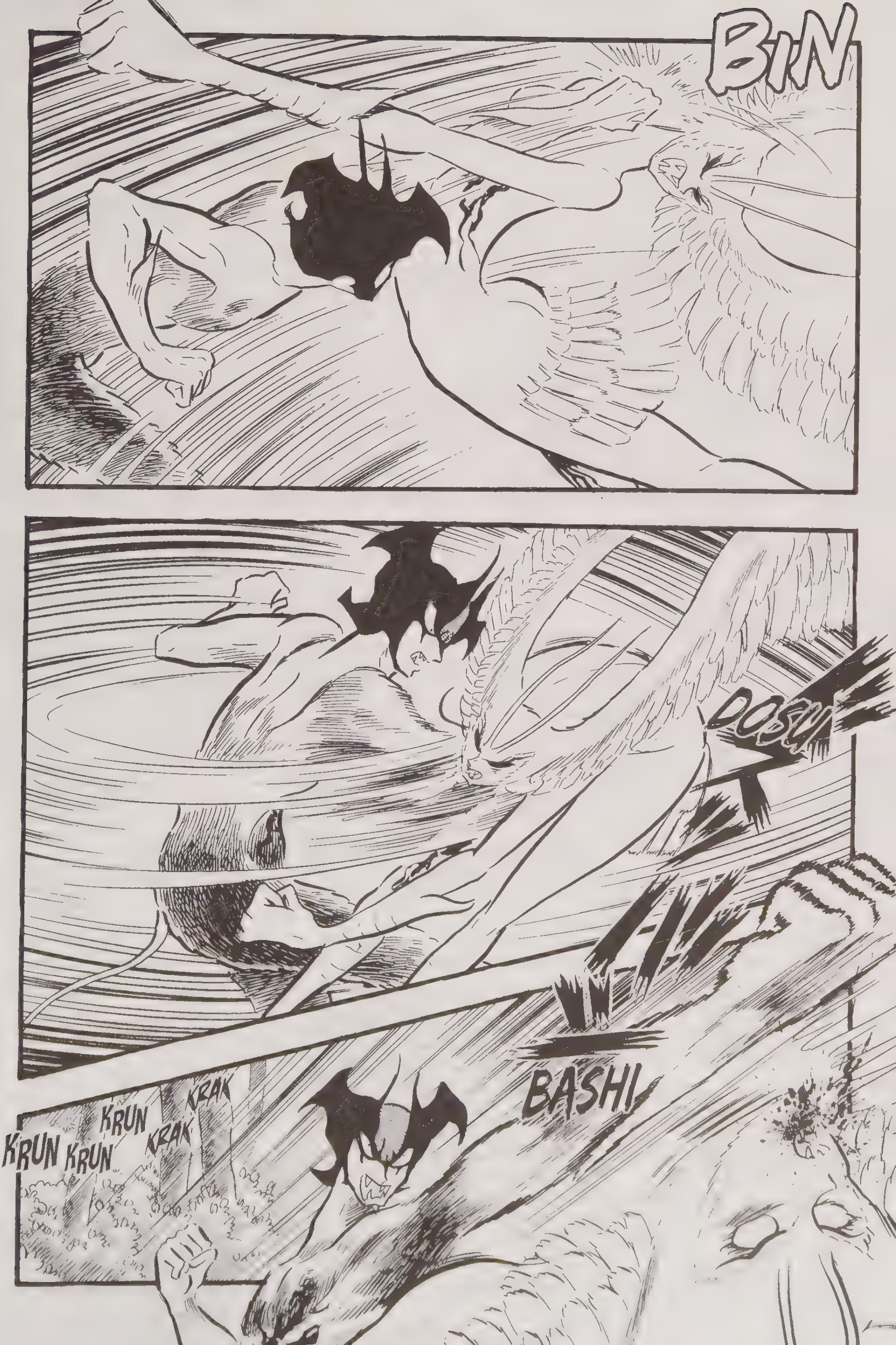
AH!
DOBYA
EYA-ARGH!!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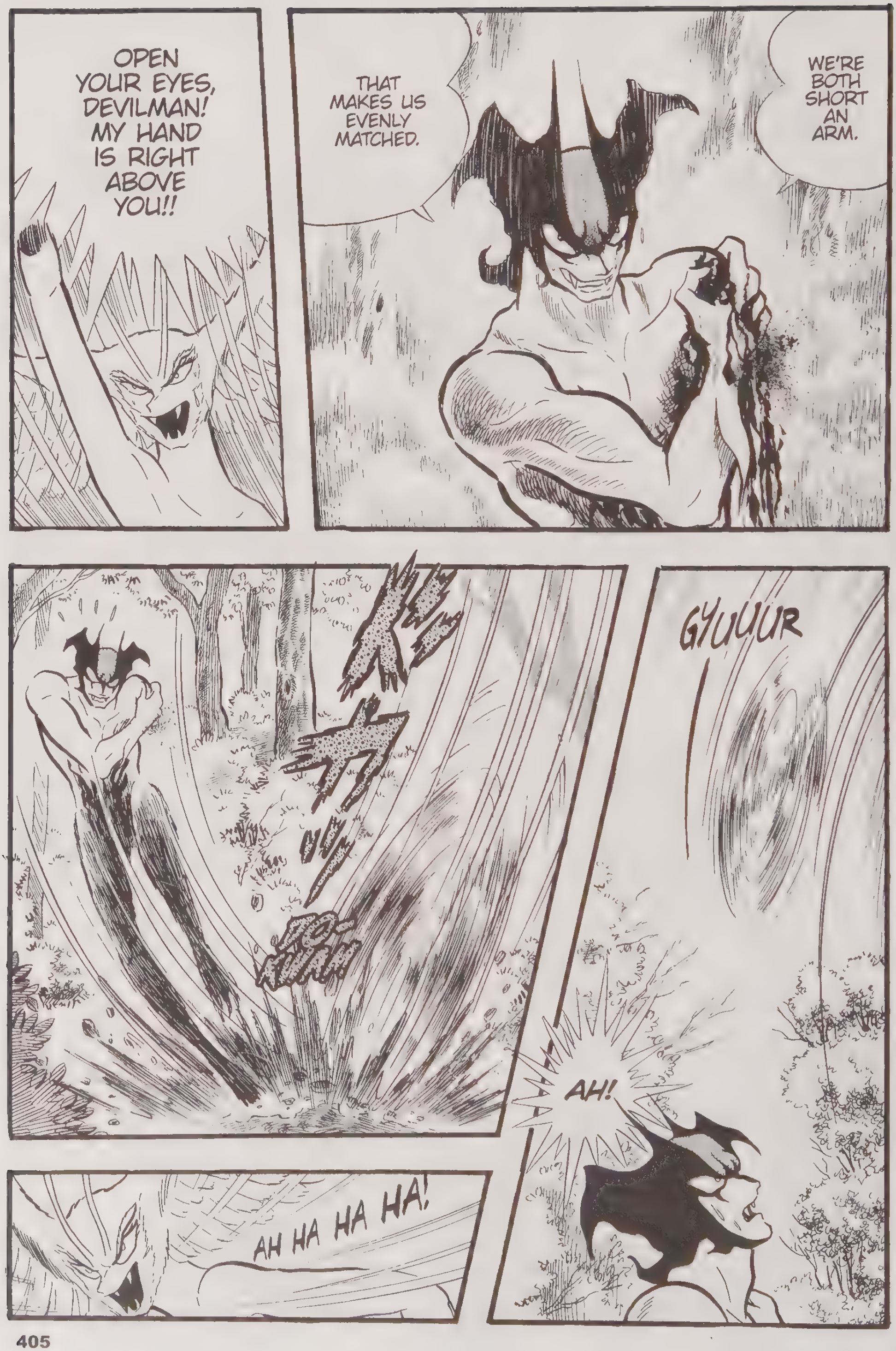
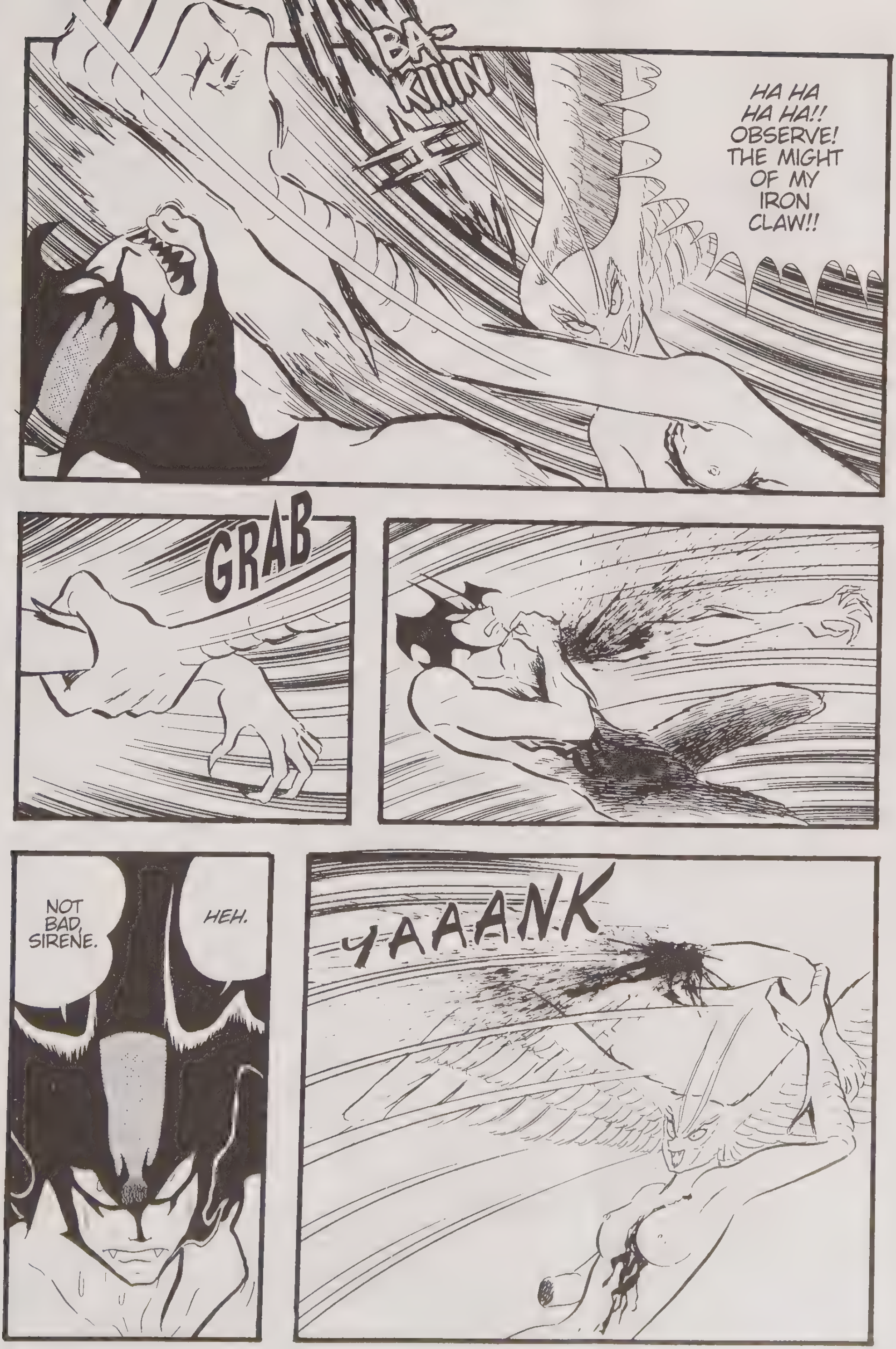
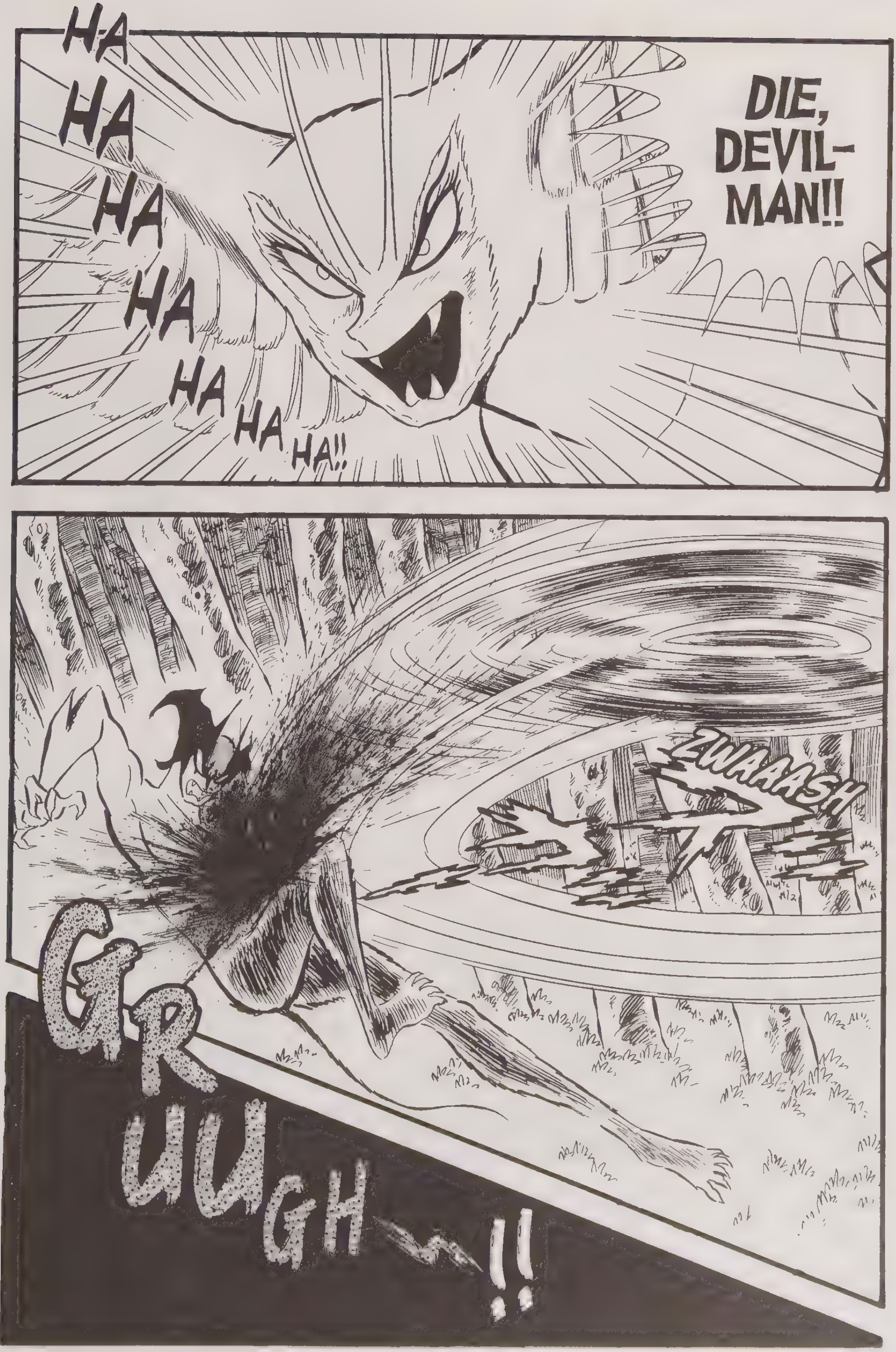
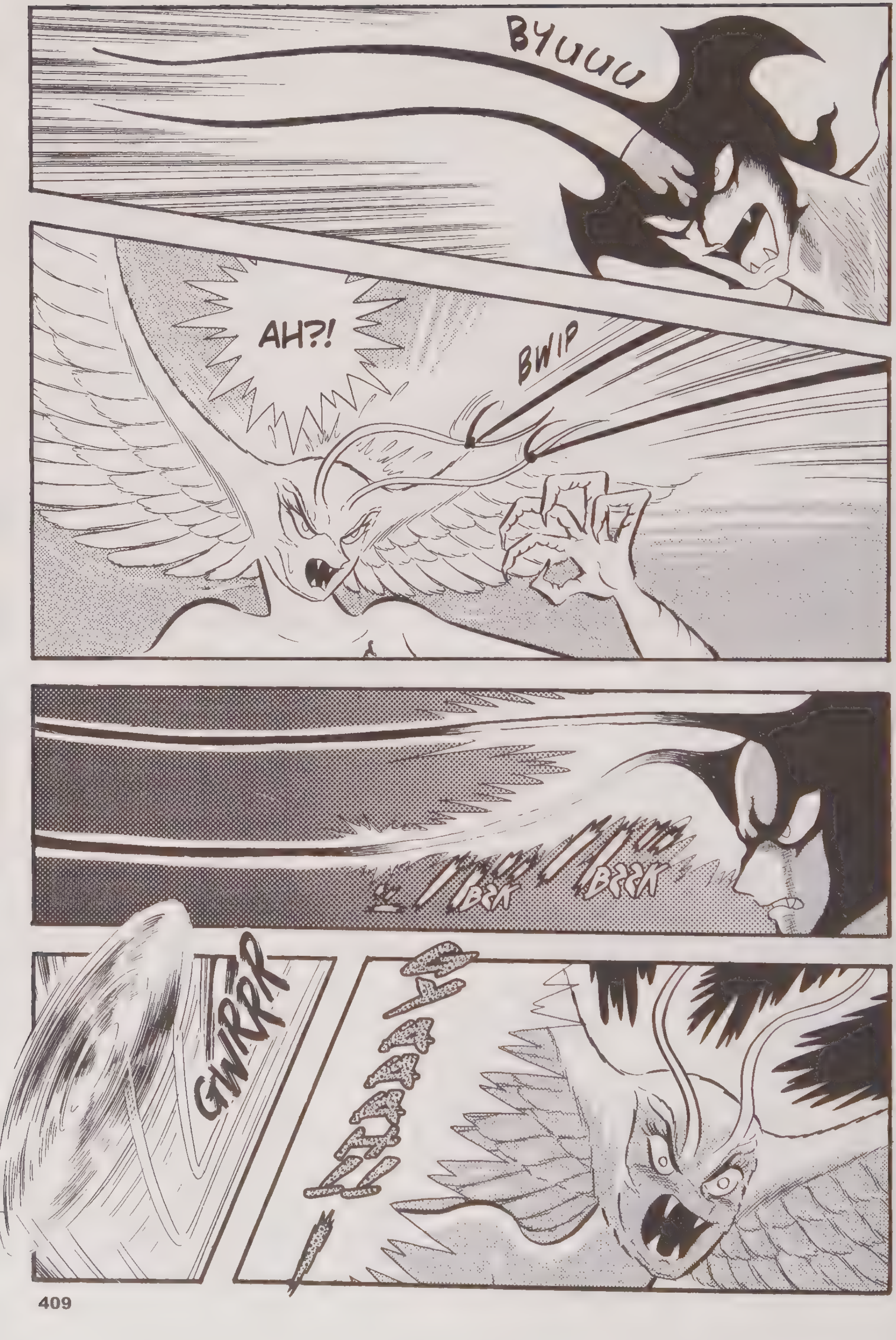

WE'RE BOTH SHORT AN ARM.
THAT MAKES US EVENLY MATCHED.
OPEN YOUR EYES, DEVILMAN! MY HAND IS RIGHT ABOVE YOU!!
GYUUUR
AH!
AH HA HA HA!


HA HA HA HA!! OBSERVE! THE MIGHT OF MY IRON CLAW!!
BA-KIIIN
GRAB
YAAANK
HEH.
NOT BAD, SIRENE.


DIE, DEVIL-MAN!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!
ZWAAASH
GRUUGH!!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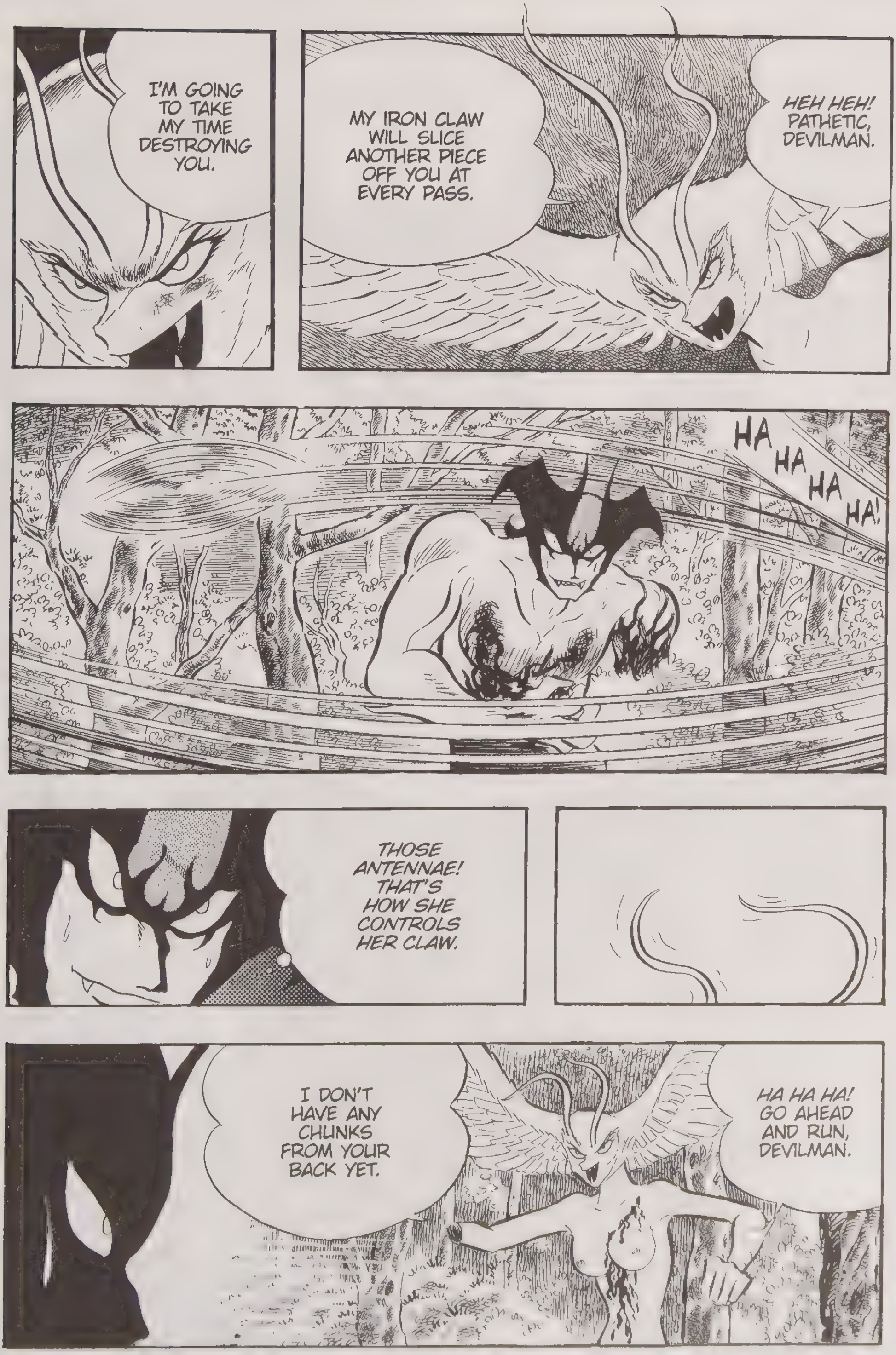
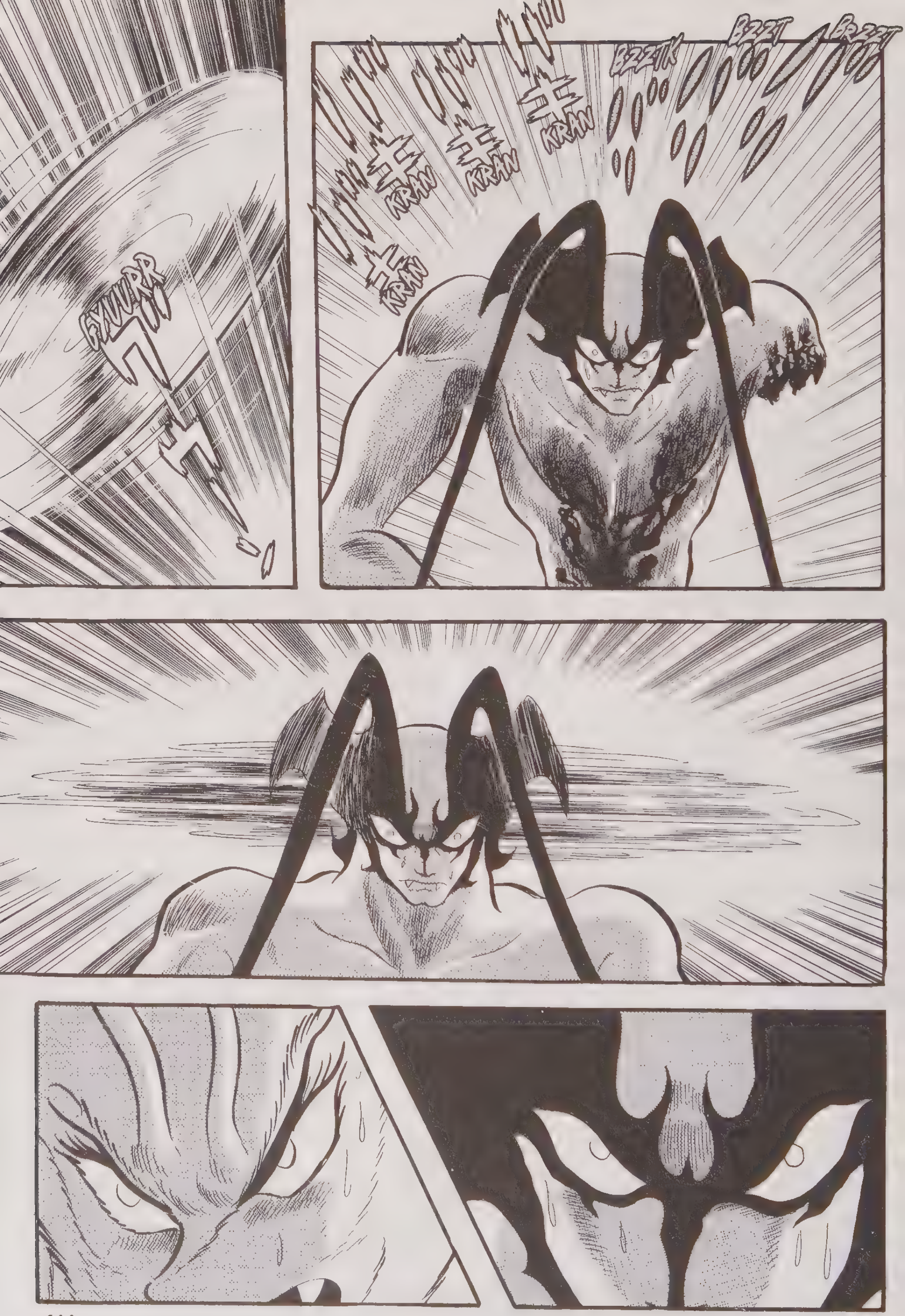
AH?!
BWIP
BZZK
BZZK
GWRRR


HEH HEH! PATHETIC, DEVILMAN.
MY IRON CLAW WILL SLICE ANOTHER PIECE OFF YOU AT EVERY PASS.
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY TIME DESTROYING YOU.
HA HA HA HA!
THOSE ANTENNAE! THAT'S HOW SHE CONTROLS HER CLAW.
HA HA HA! GO AHEAD AND RUN, DEVILMAN.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CHUNKS FROM YOUR BACK YET.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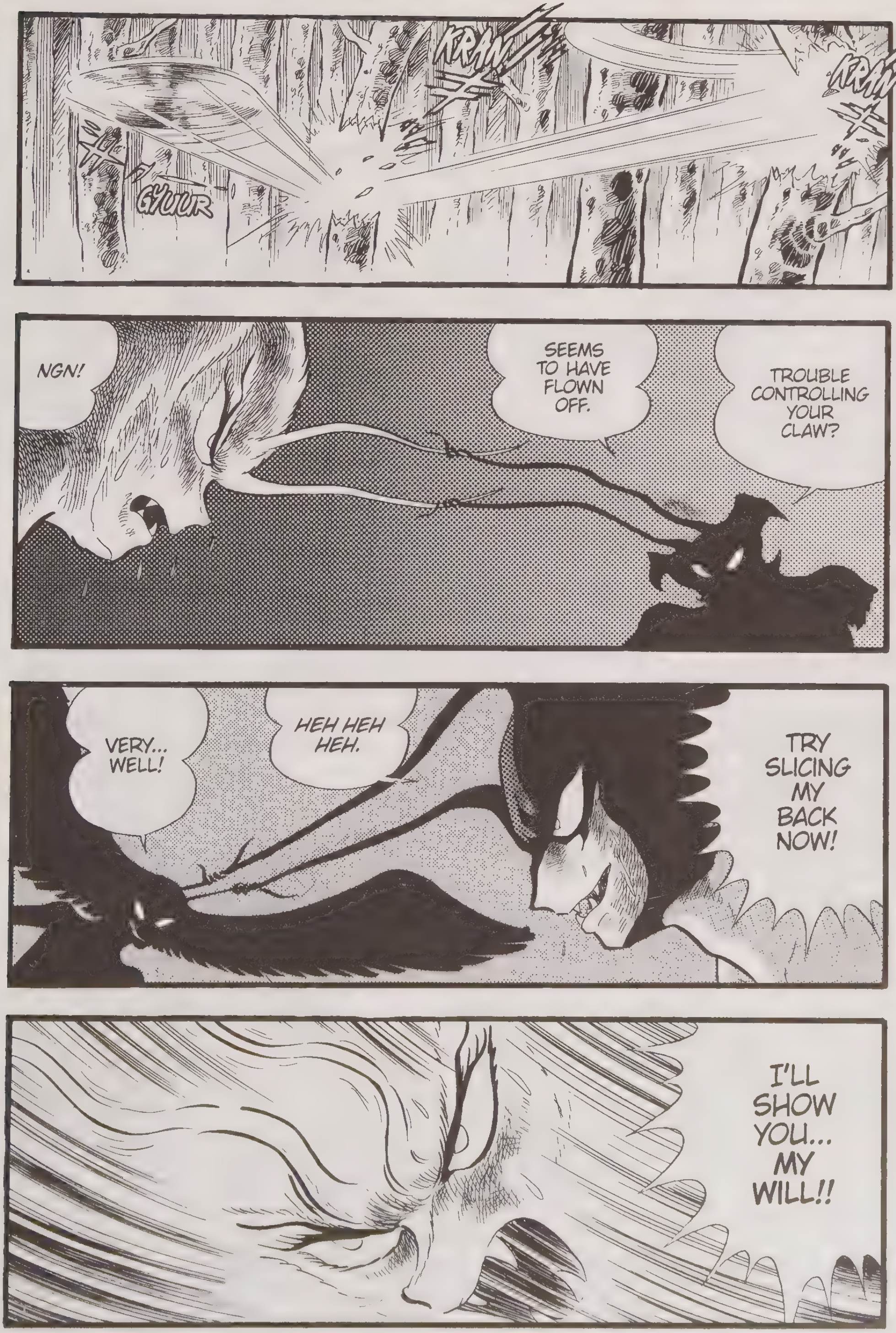
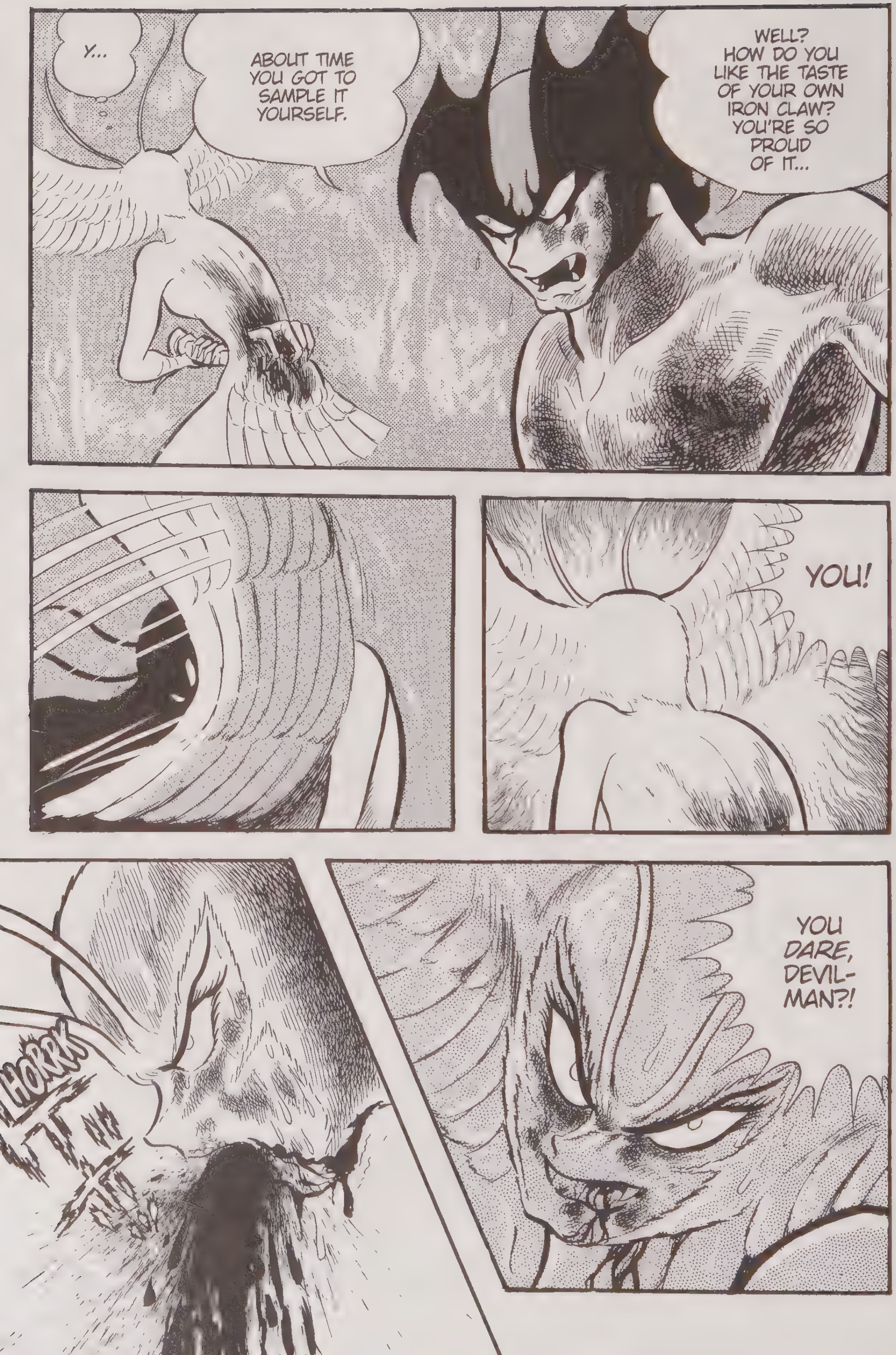
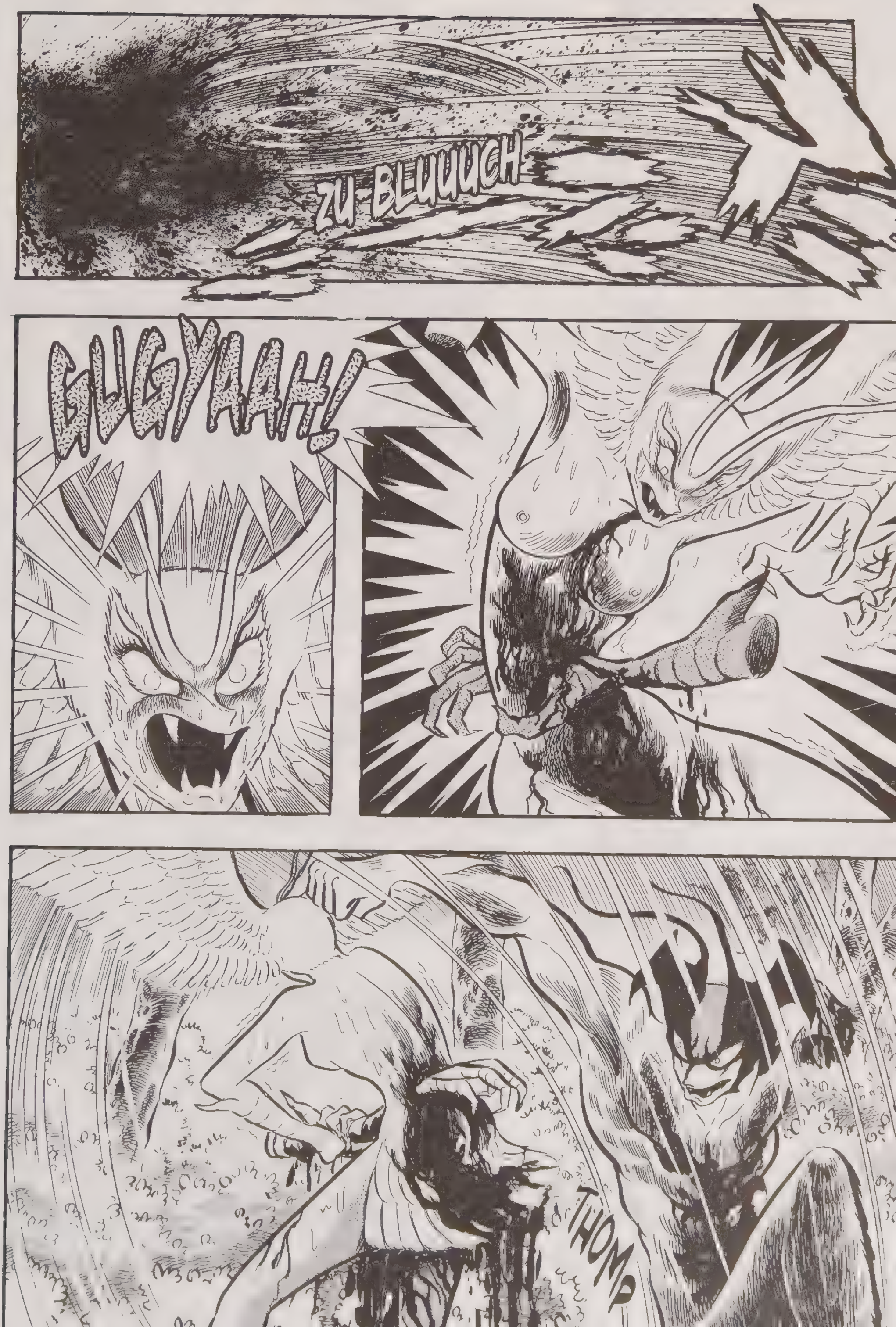
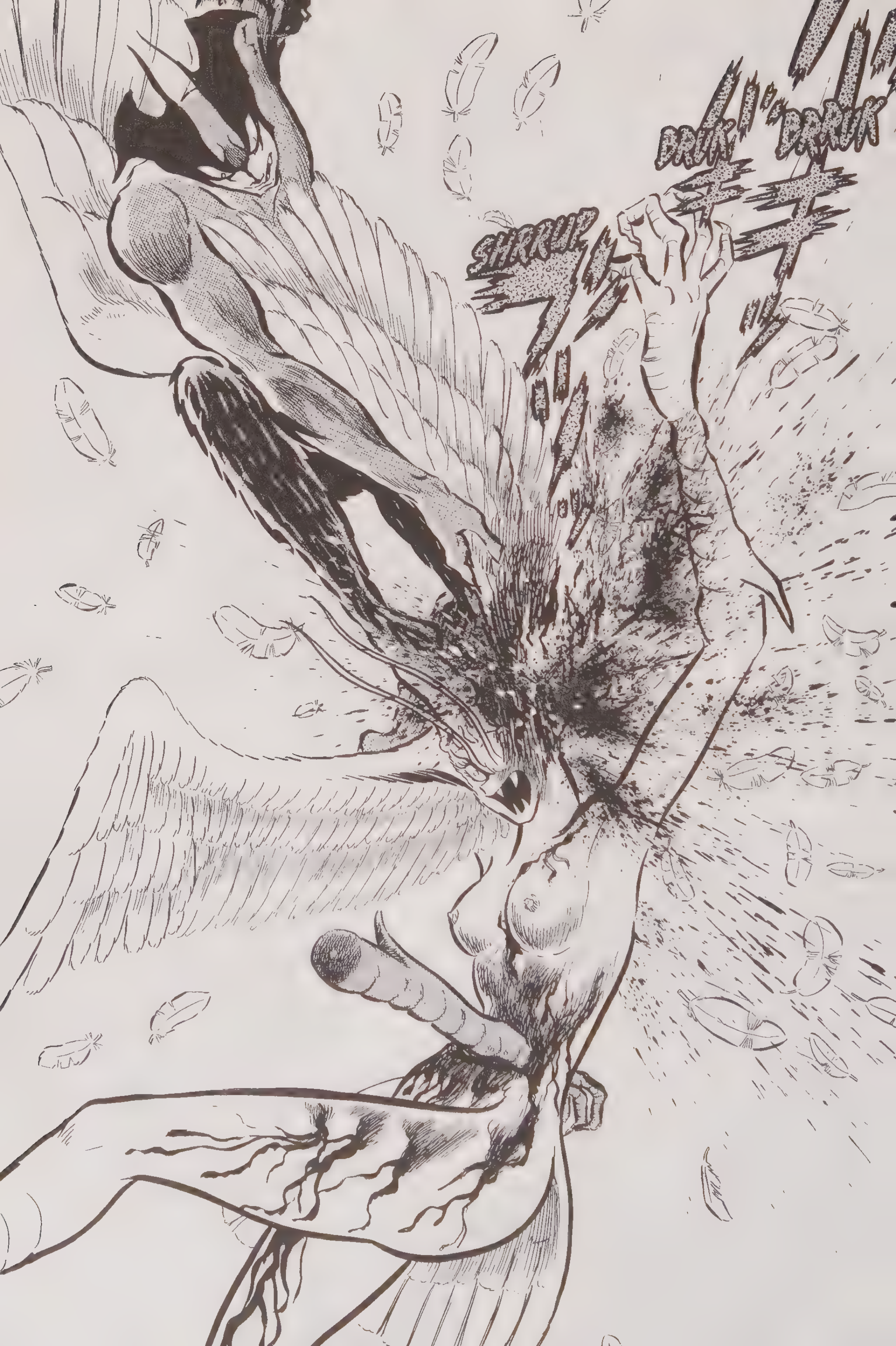
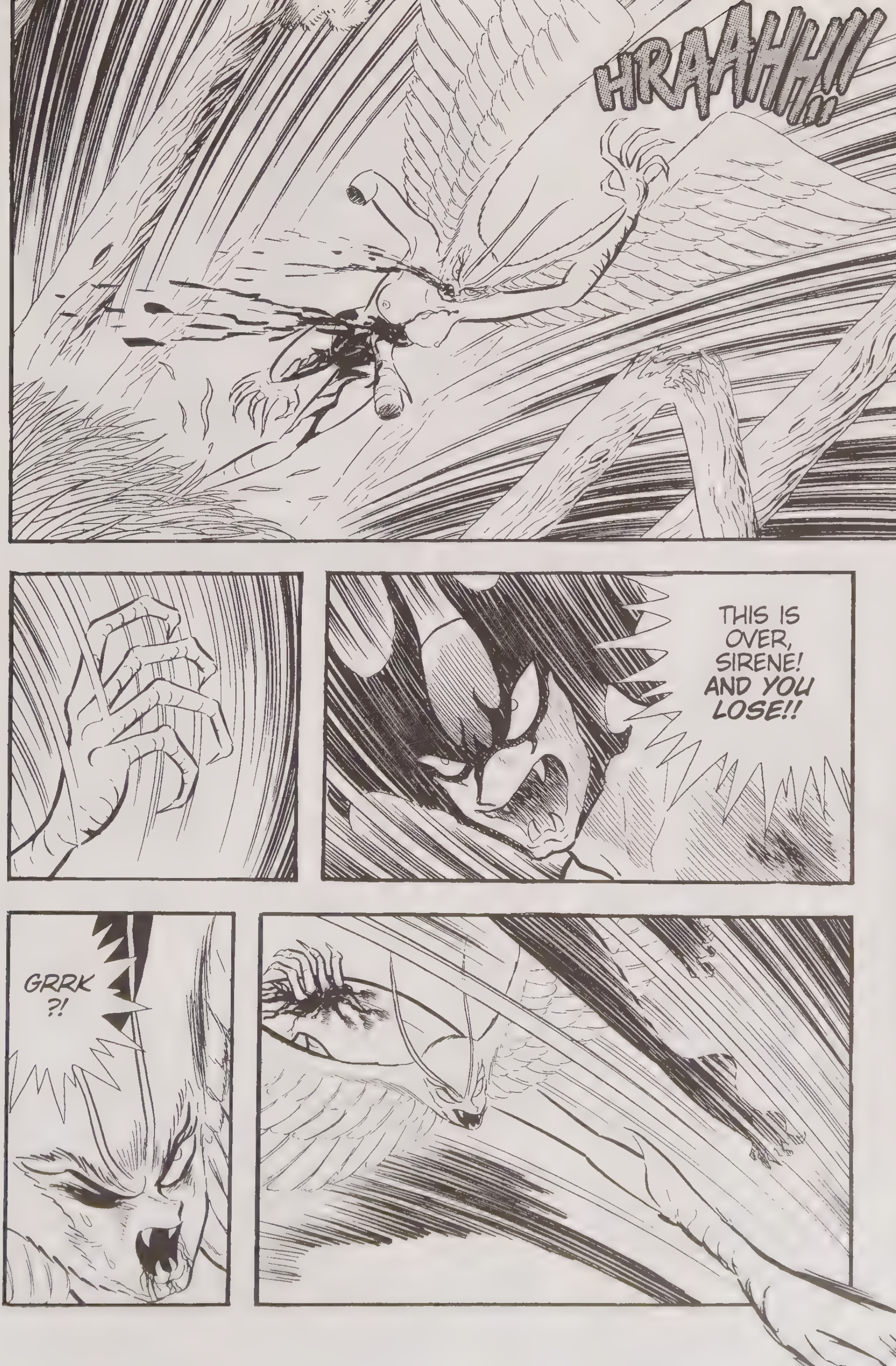
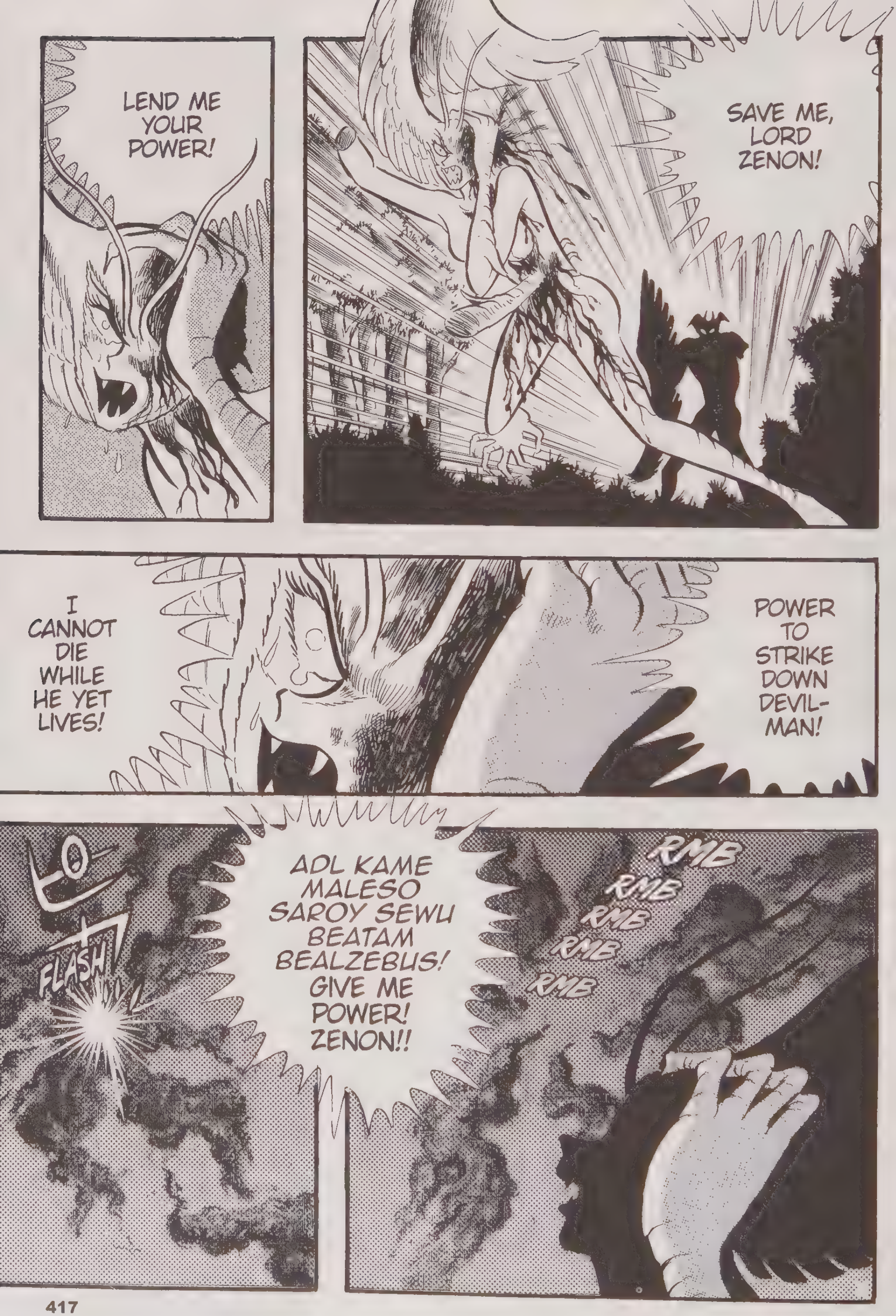

KRAN
KRAN
GYUUR
NGN!
SEEMS TO HAVE FLOWN OFF.
TROUBLE CONTROLLING YOUR CLAW?
VERY... WELL!
HEH HEH HEH.
TRY SLICING MY BACK NOW!
I'LL SHOW YOU... MY WILL!!

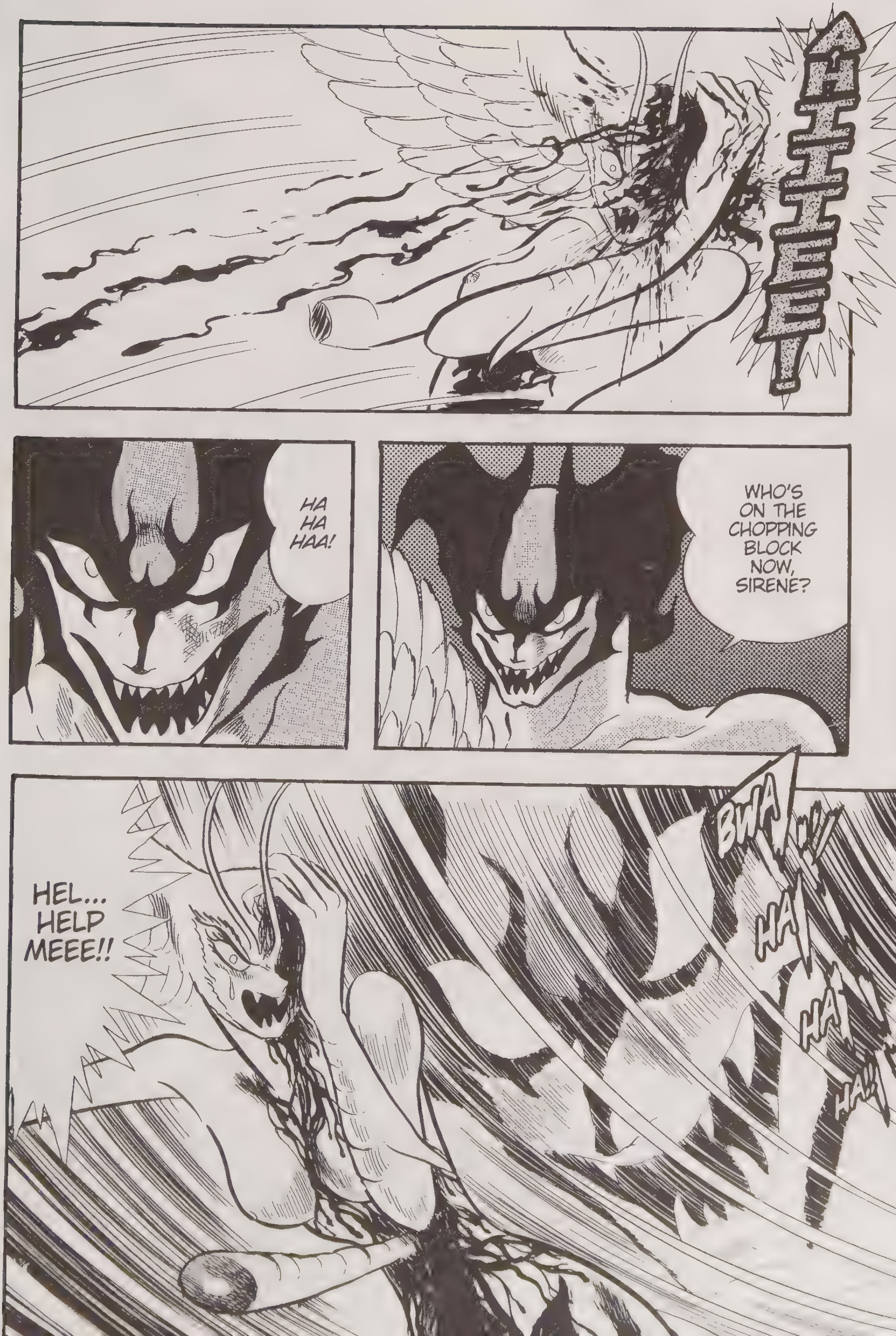

WELL? HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF YOUR OWN IRON CLAW? YOU'RE SO PROUD OF IT...
ABOUT TIME YOU GOT TO SAMPLE IT YOURSELF.
Y...
YOU!
YOU DARE, DEVIL-MAN?!
HORRK

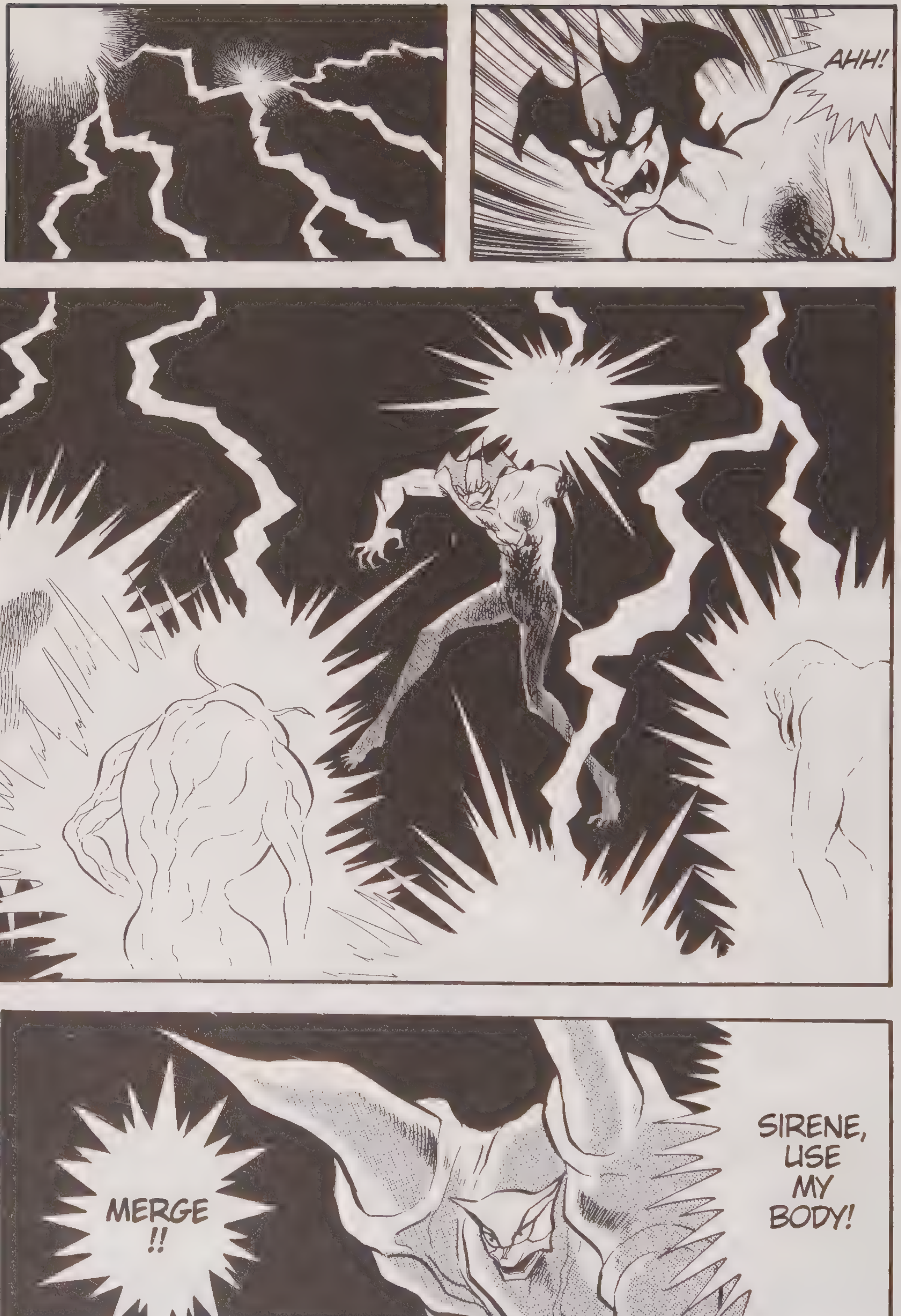

ZU-BLUUUCH
GUGYAAH!
THOMP

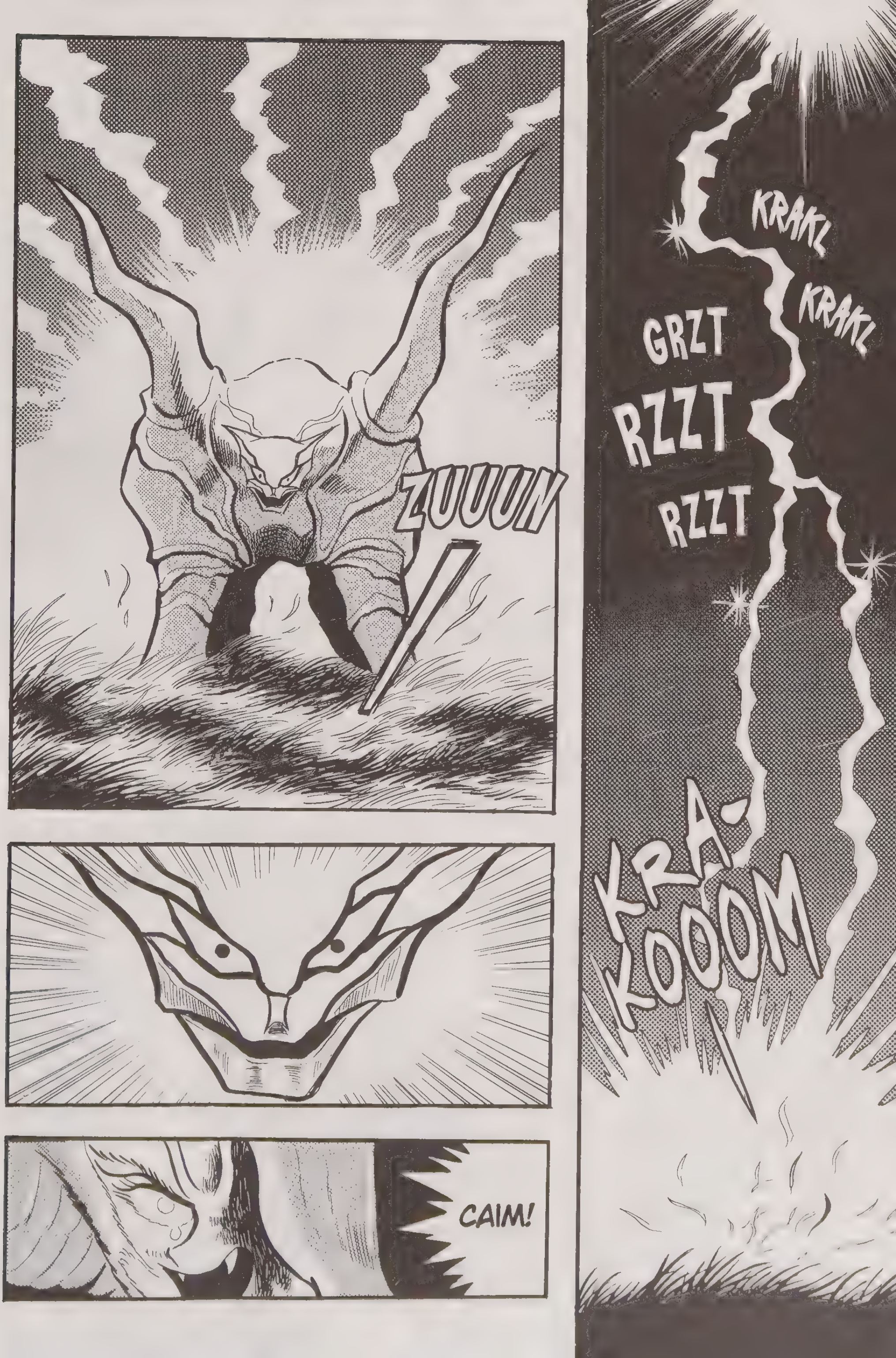

DRRUK
DRUK
SHRRUP


HRAAHH!!
THIS IS OVER, SIRENE! AND YOU LOSE!!
GRRK ?!


SAVE ME, LORD ZENON!
LEND ME YOUR POWER!
POWER TO STRIKE DOWN DEVILMAN!
I CANNOT DIE WHILE HE YET LIVES!
RMB RMB RMB RMB RMB
ADL KAME MALESO SAROY SEWU BEATAM BEALZEBUS! GIVE ME POWER! ZENON!!
FLASH


HIIIEE!
WHO'S ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK NOW, SIRENE?
HA HA HAA!
BWAHA!! HA HA HA
HEL... HELP MEEE!!


AHH!
SIRENE, USE MY BODY!
MERGE !!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GRZT
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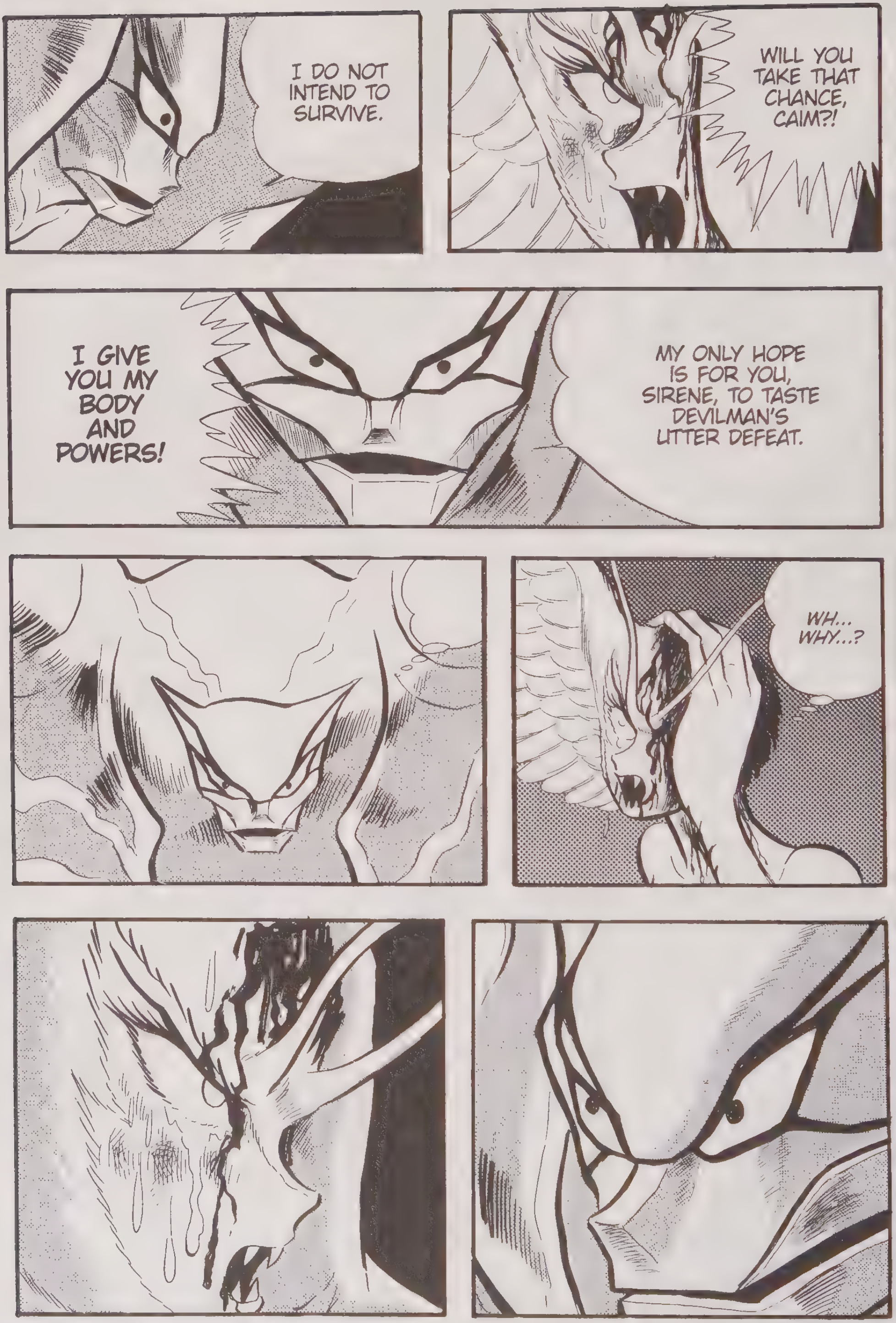
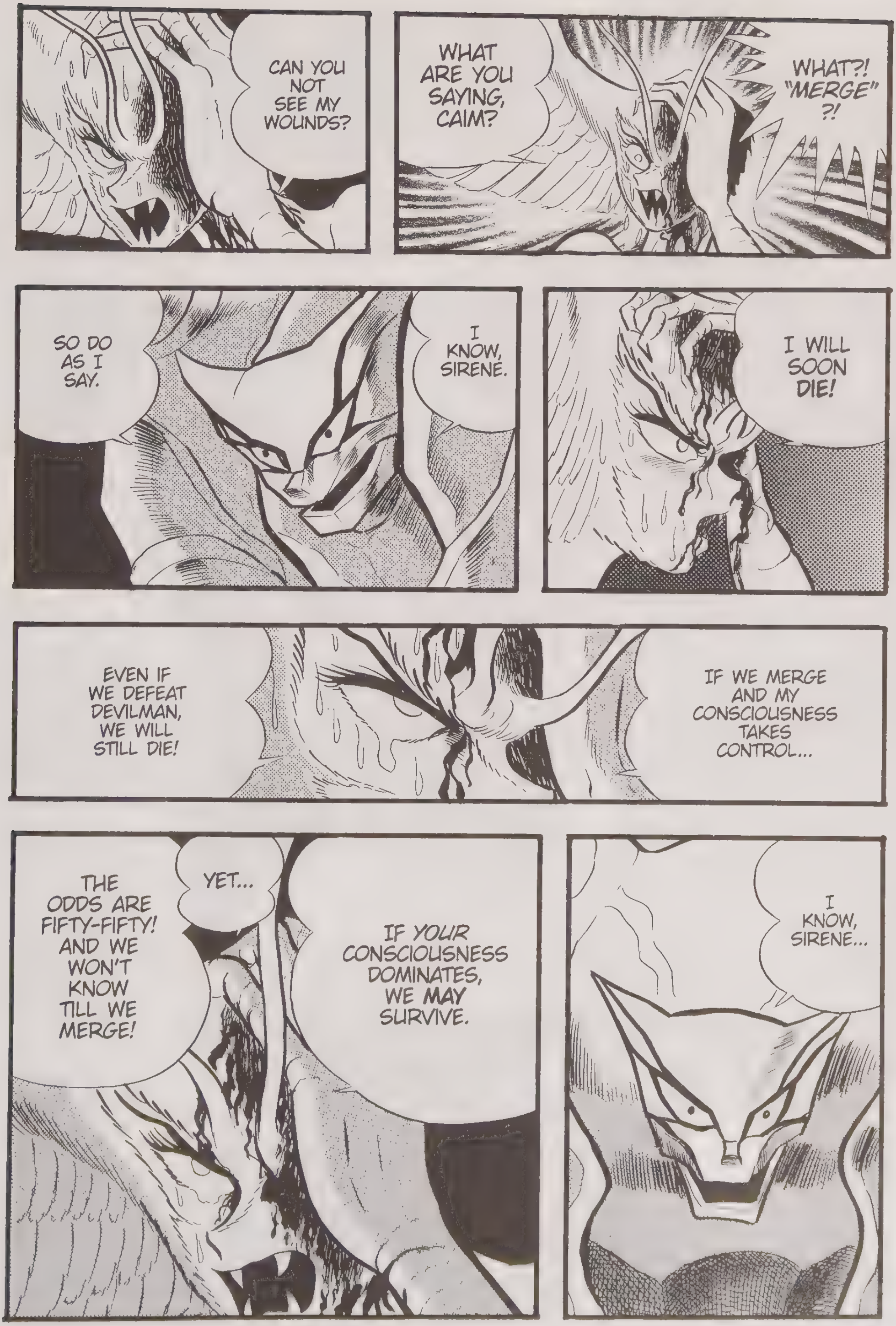
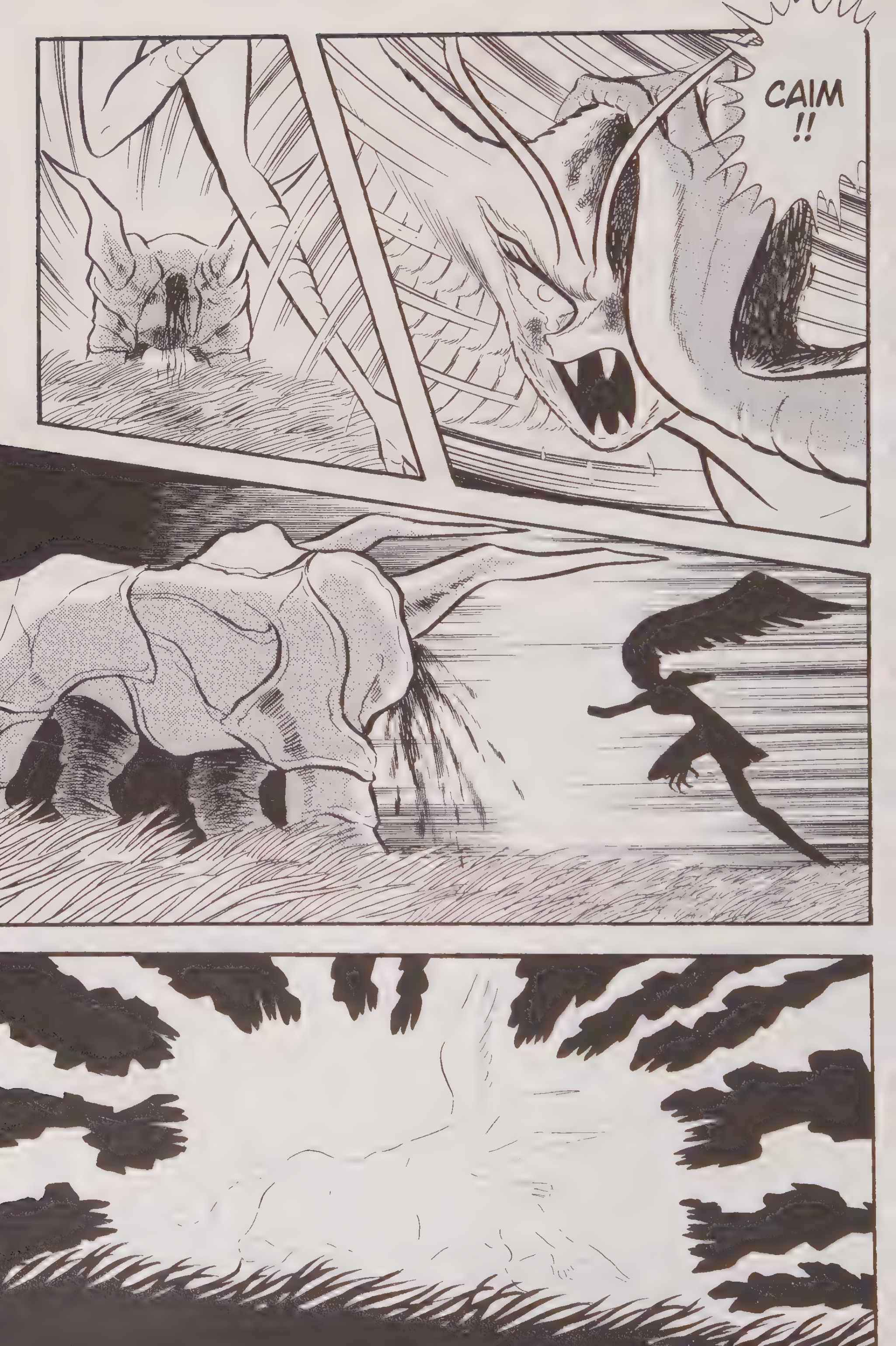
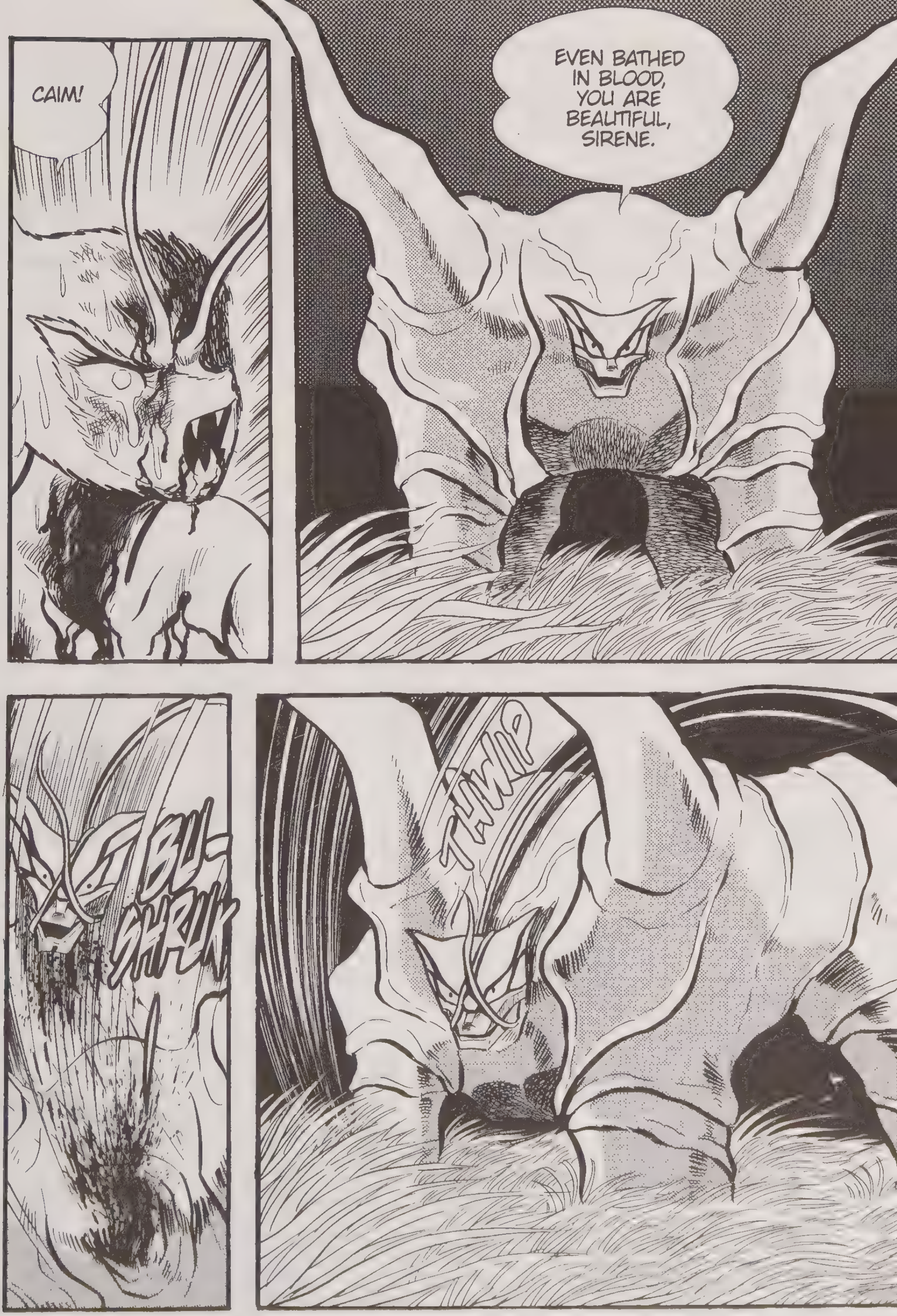
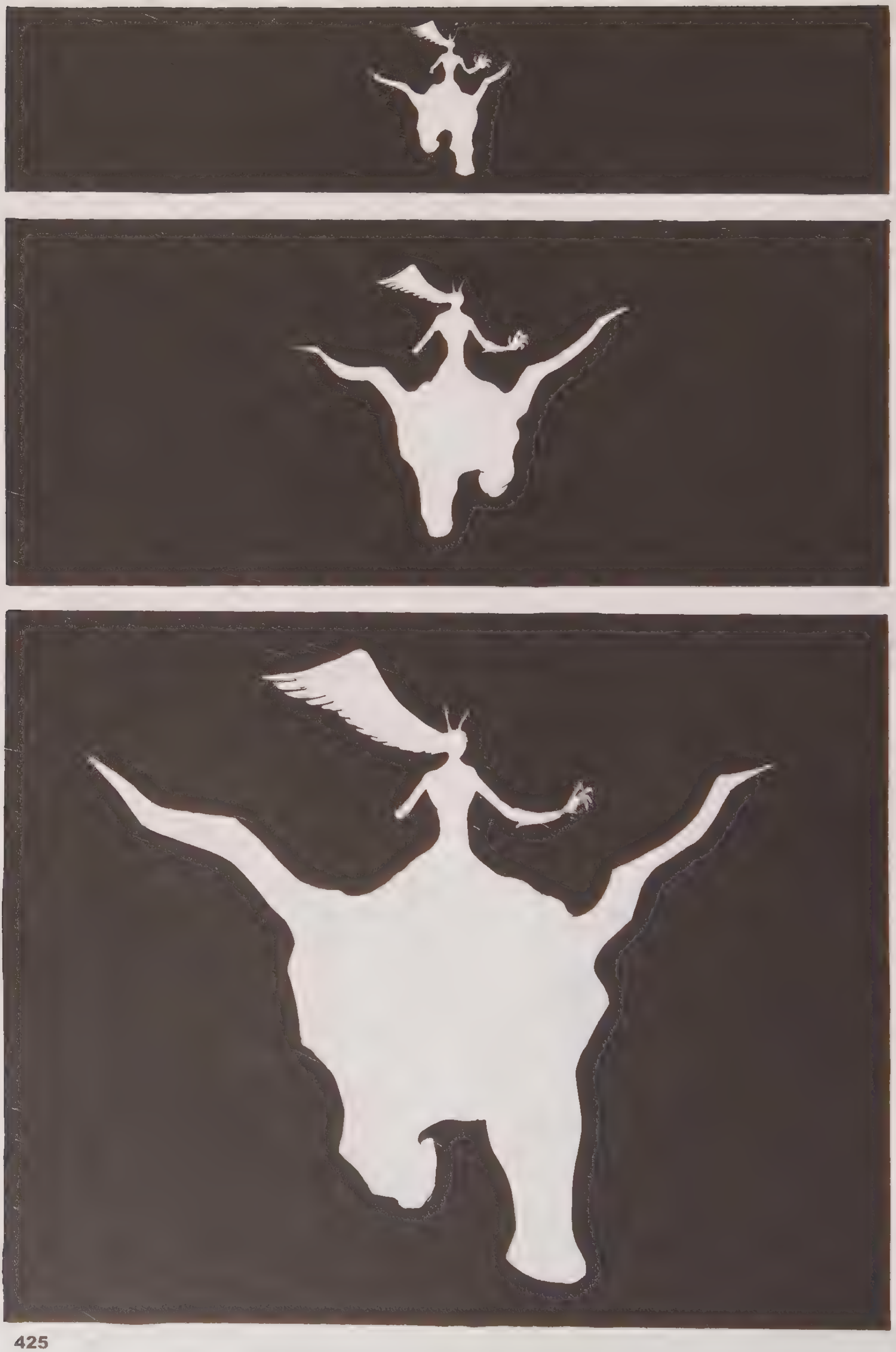
KRA-
KOOOM
ZUUUUN
CAIM!

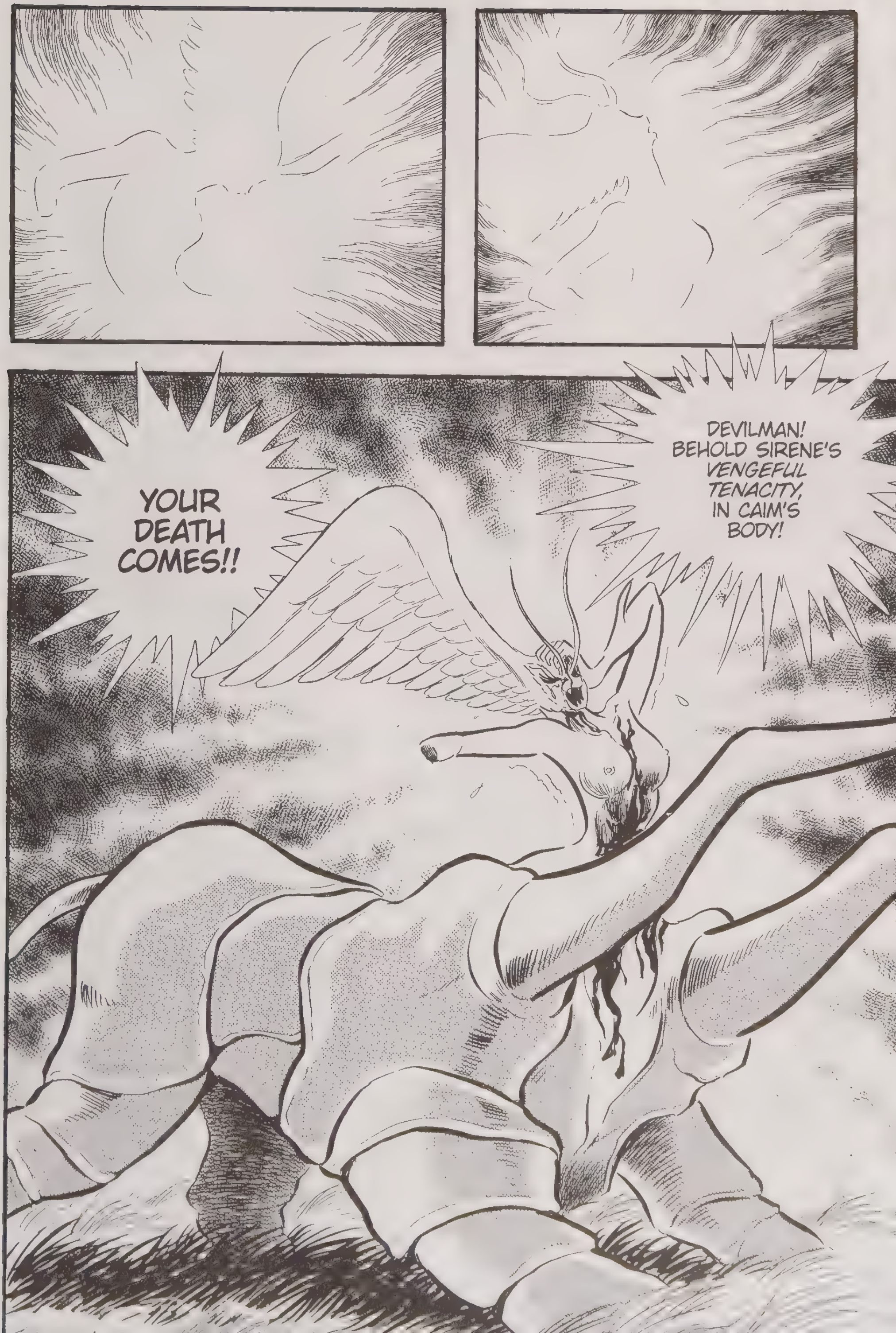

WILL YOU TAKE THAT CHANCE, CAIM?!
I DO NOT INTEND TO SURVIVE.
MY ONLY HOPE IS FOR YOU, SIRENE, TO TASTE DEVILMAN'S UTTER DEFEAT.
I GIVE YOU MY BODY AND POWERS!
WH... WHY...?

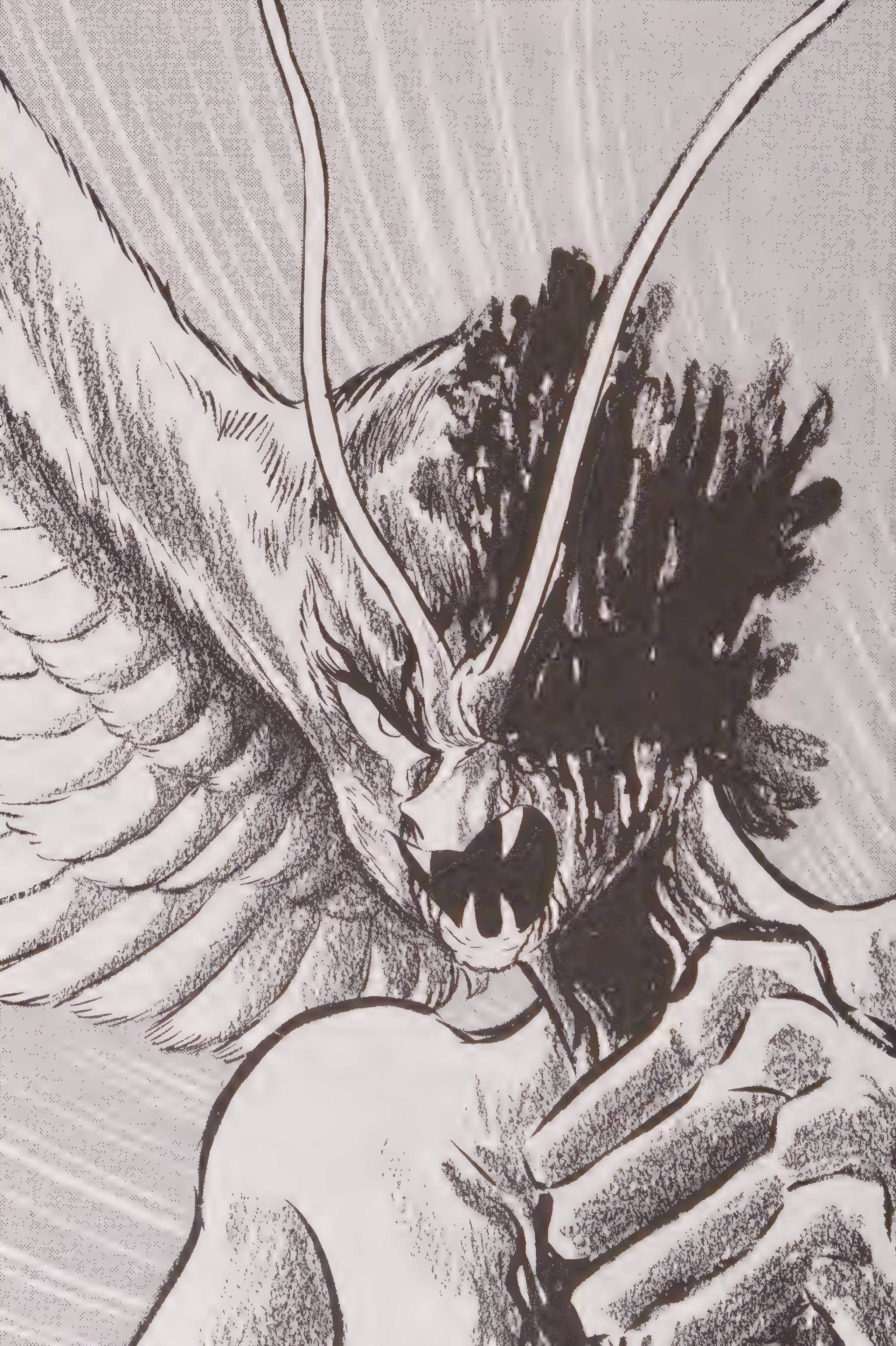

CAN YOU NOT SEE MY WOUNDS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CAIM?
WHAT?! "MERGE" ?!
SO DO AS I SAY.
I KNOW, SIRENE.
I WILL SOON DIE!
EVEN IF WE DEFEAT DEVILMAN, WE WILL STILL DIE!
IF WE MERGE AND MY CONSCIOUSNESS TAKES CONTROL...
THE ODDS ARE FIFTY-FIFTY! AND WE WON'T KNOW TILL WE MERGE!
YET...
IF *YOUR* CONSCIOUSNESS DOMINATES, WE MAY SURVIVE.
I KNOW, SIRENE...

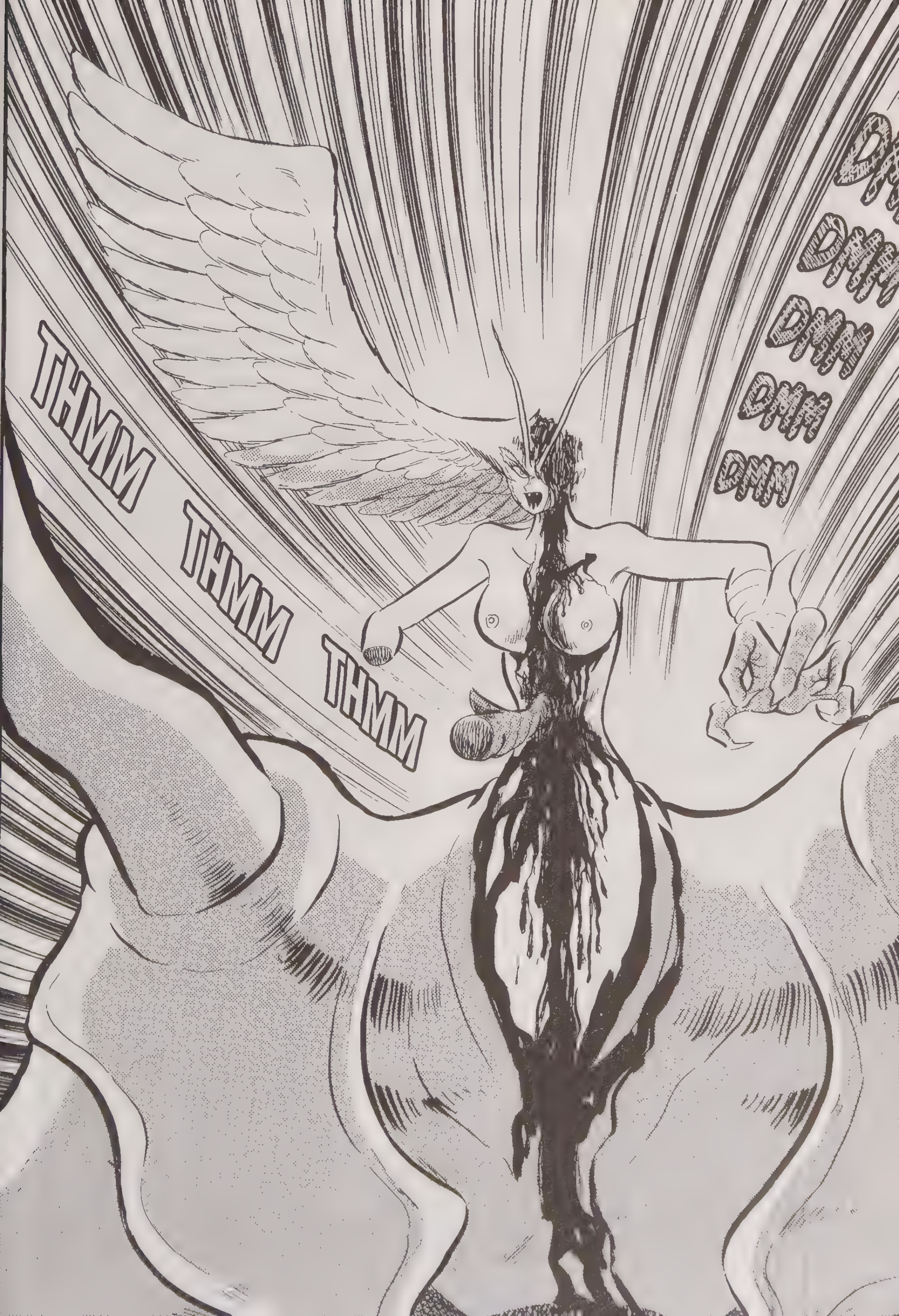

CAIM !!


CAIM!
EVEN BATHED IN BLOOD, YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL, SIRENE.
BU SHRUK
THWIP




DEVILMAN! BEHOLD SIRENE'S *VENGEFUL TENACITY,* IN CAIM'S BODY!
YOUR DEATH COMES!!

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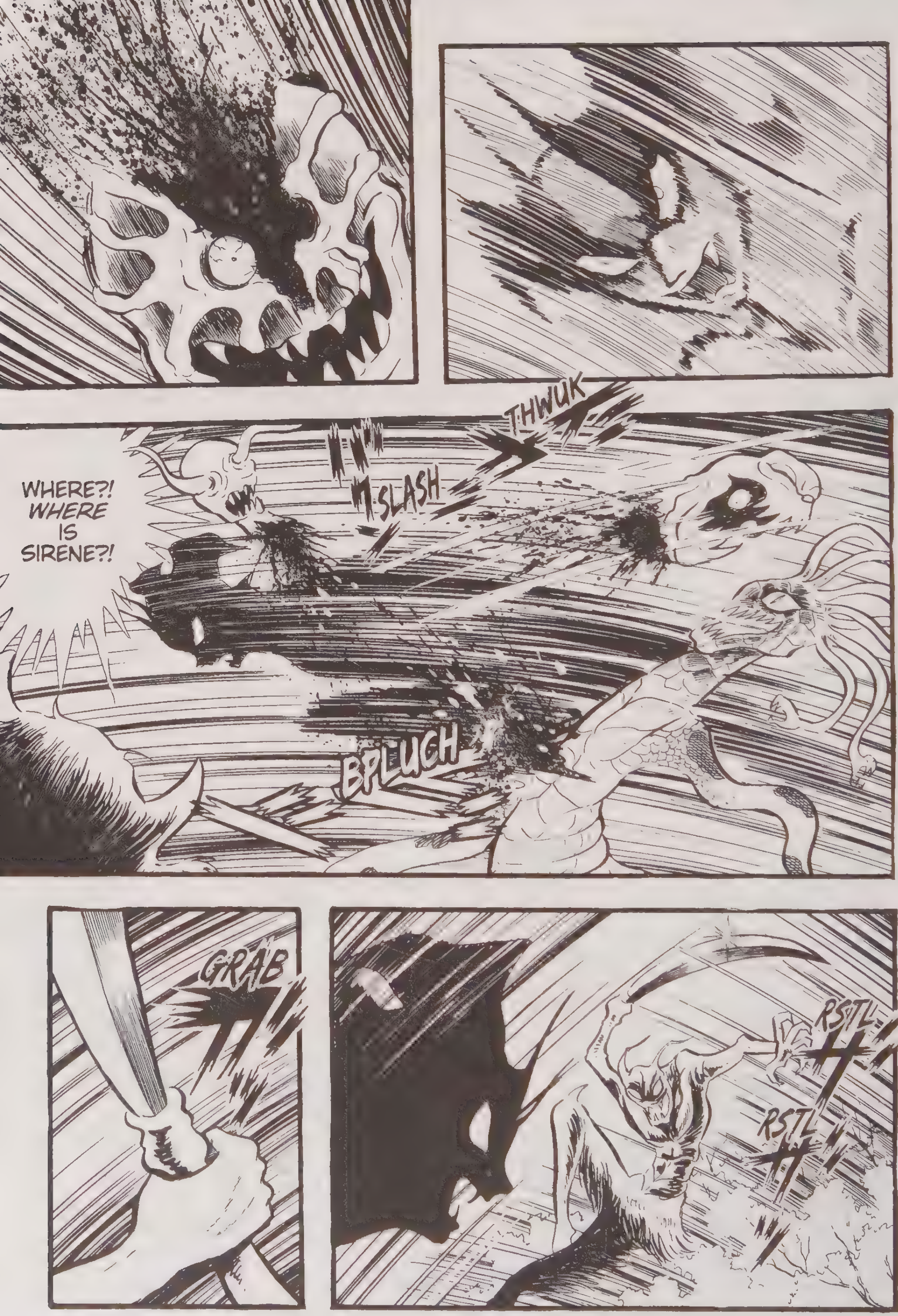
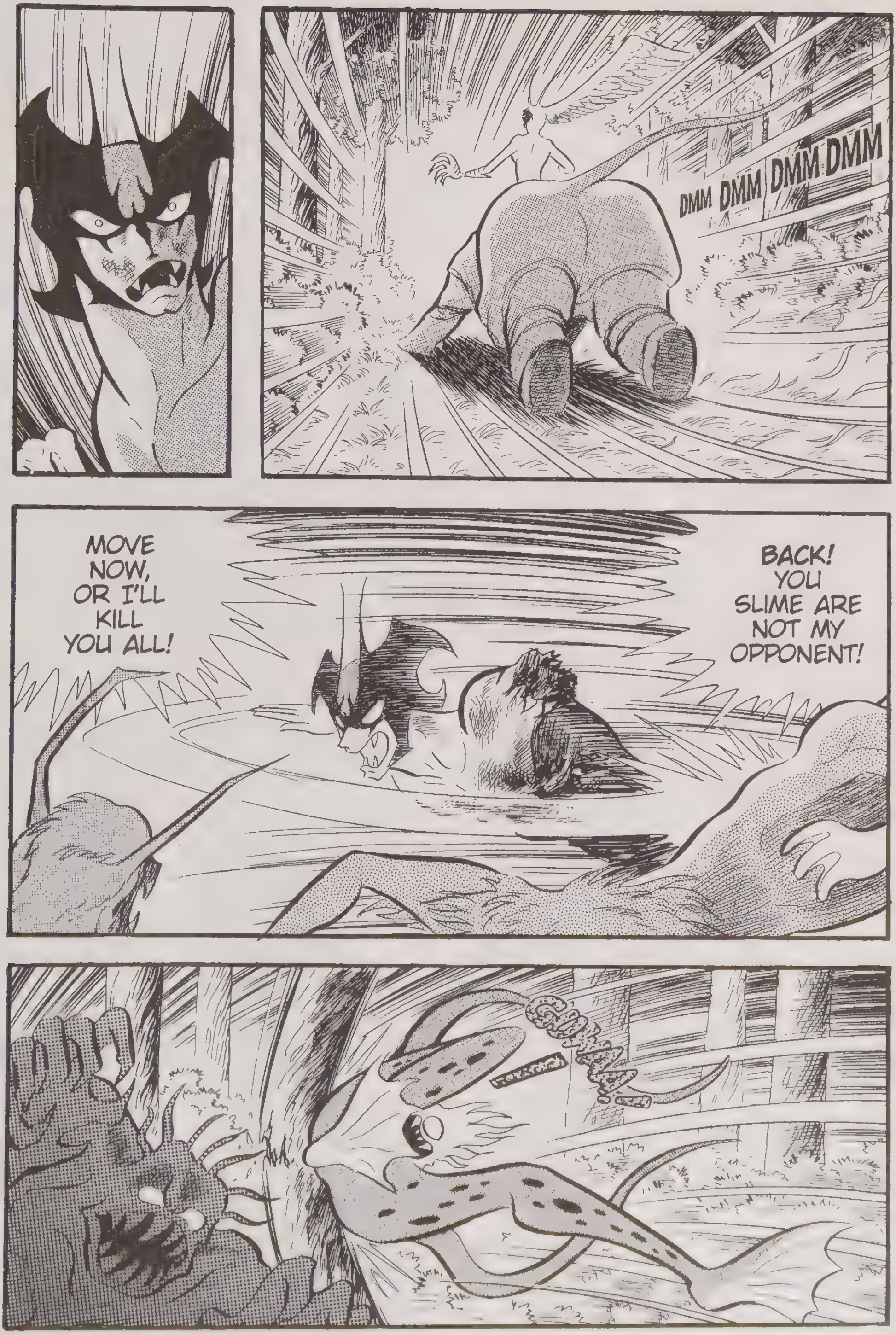
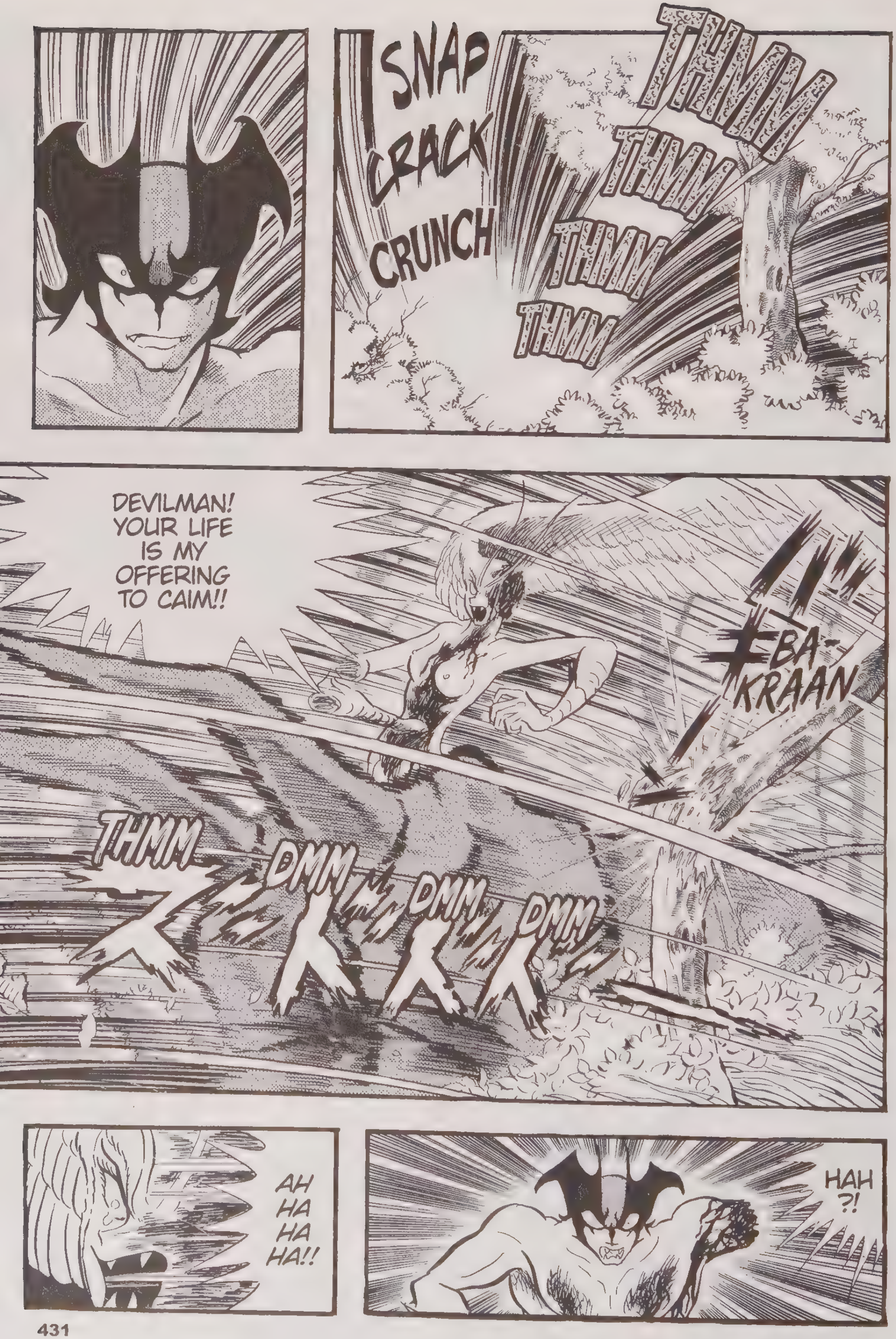
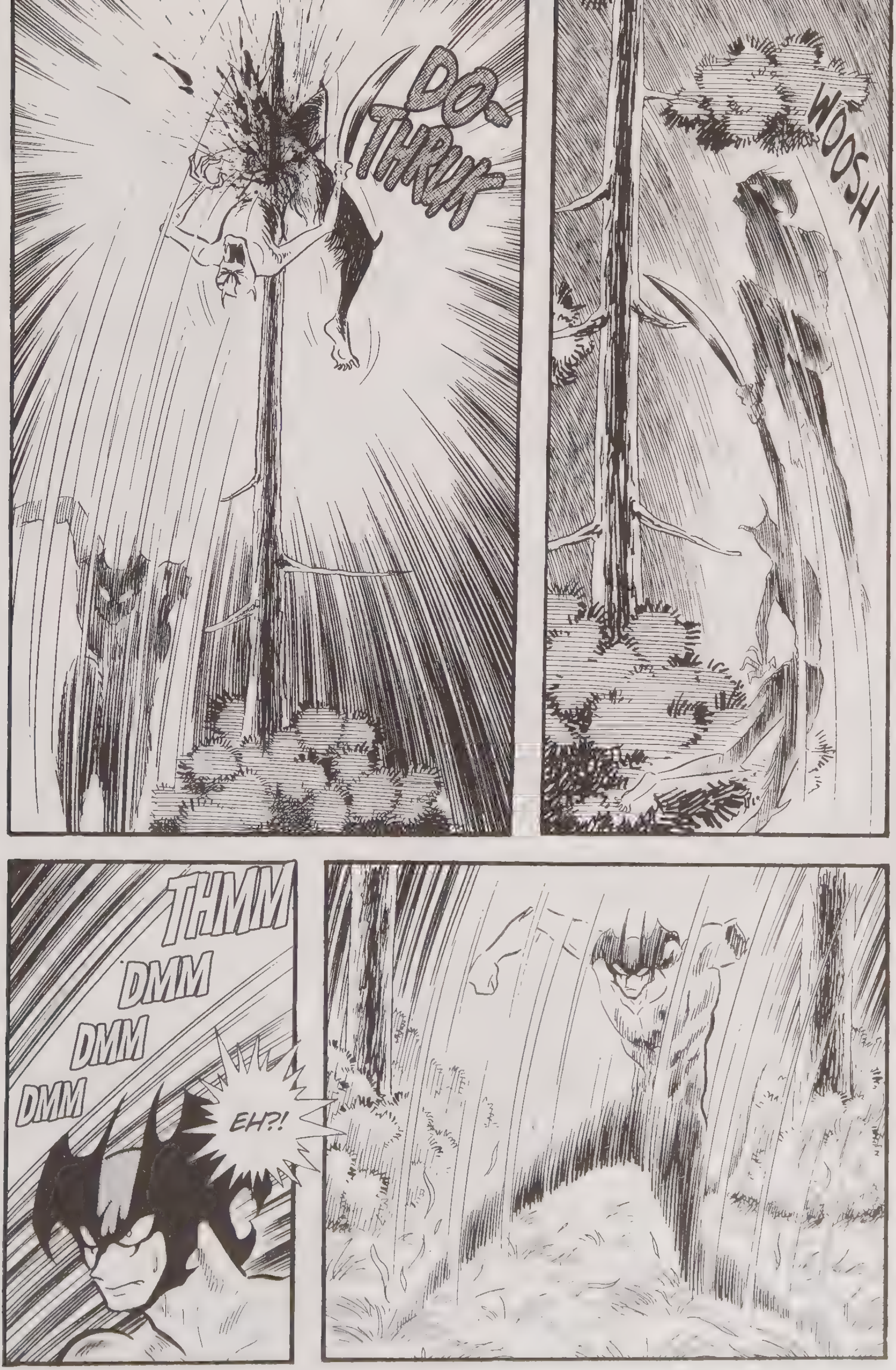
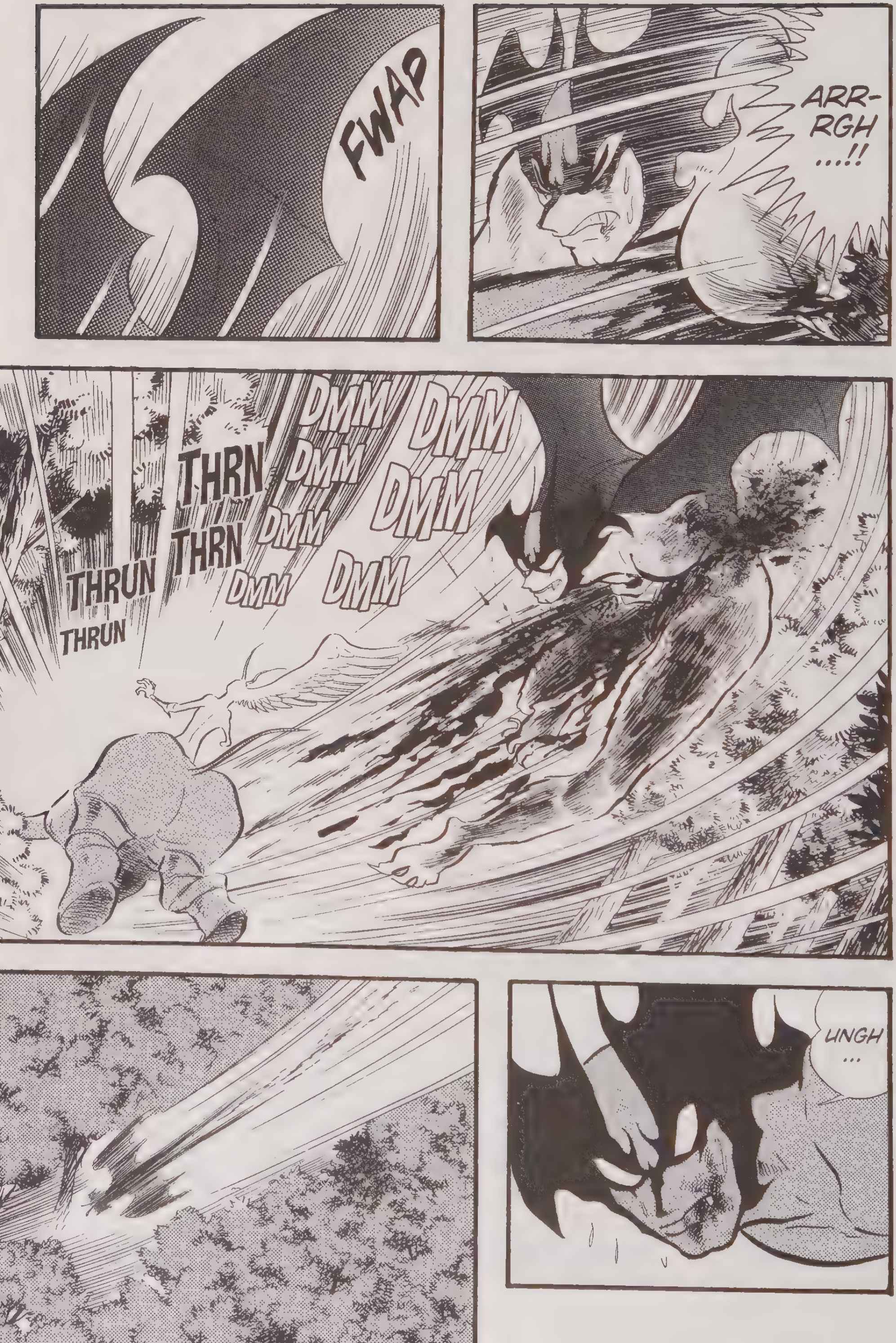
THMM


THWUK
SLASH
WHERE?! WHERE IS SIRENE?!
BPLUCH
RSTL
RSTL
GRAB


DMM DMM DMM DMM
BACK! YOU SLIME ARE NOT MY OPPONENT!
MOVE NOW, OR I'LL KILL YOU ALL!
GUWAA!


SNAP
CRACK
CRUNCH
THMM
THMM
THMM
THMM
DEVILMAN! YOUR LIFE IS MY OFFERING TO CAIM!!
BA-KRAAN
THMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
AH HA HA HA!!
HAH?!


WOOSH
DO-THRUK
THMM
DMM
DMM
DMM
EH?!


ARR-
RGH
...!!
FWAP
DMM
DMM
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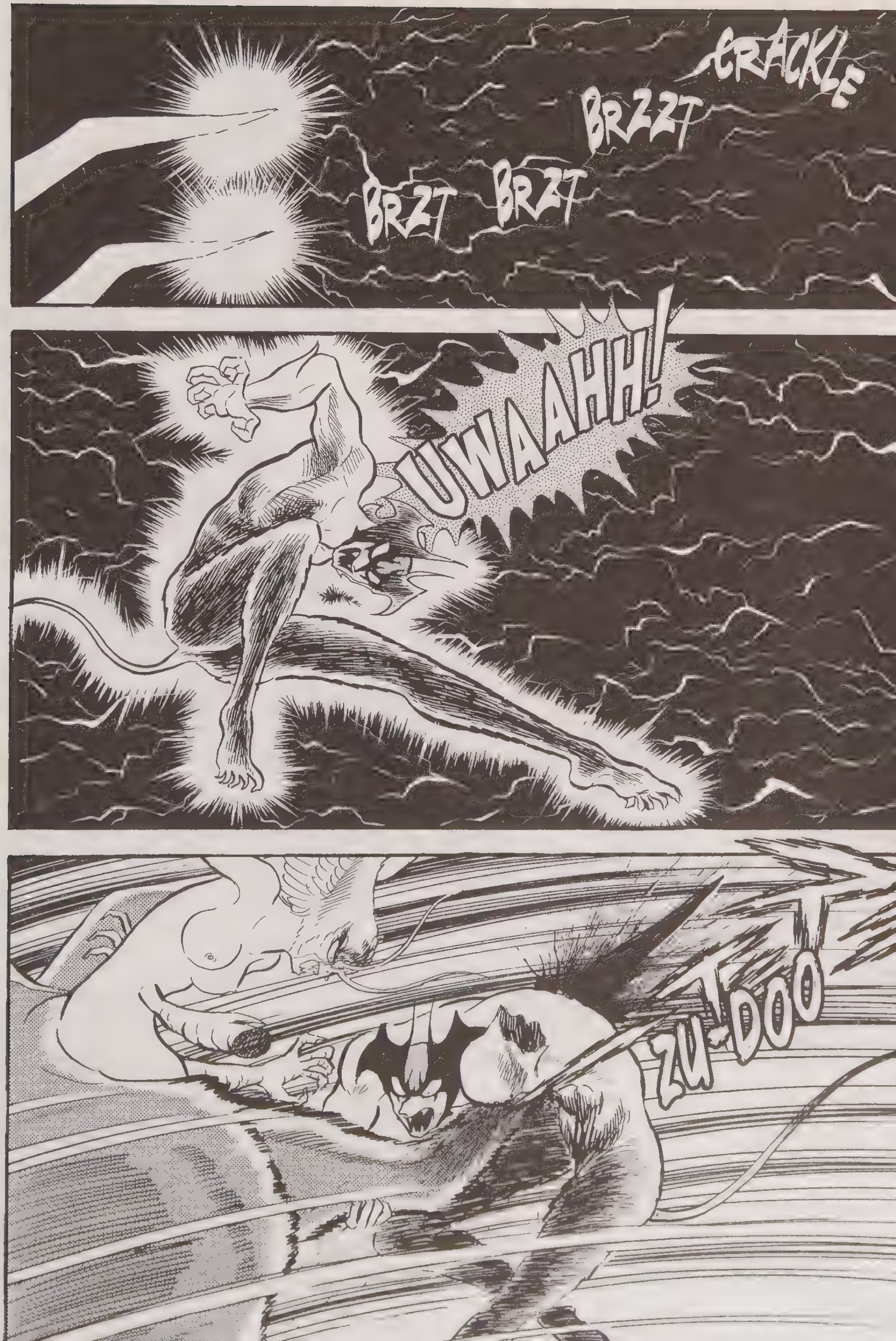
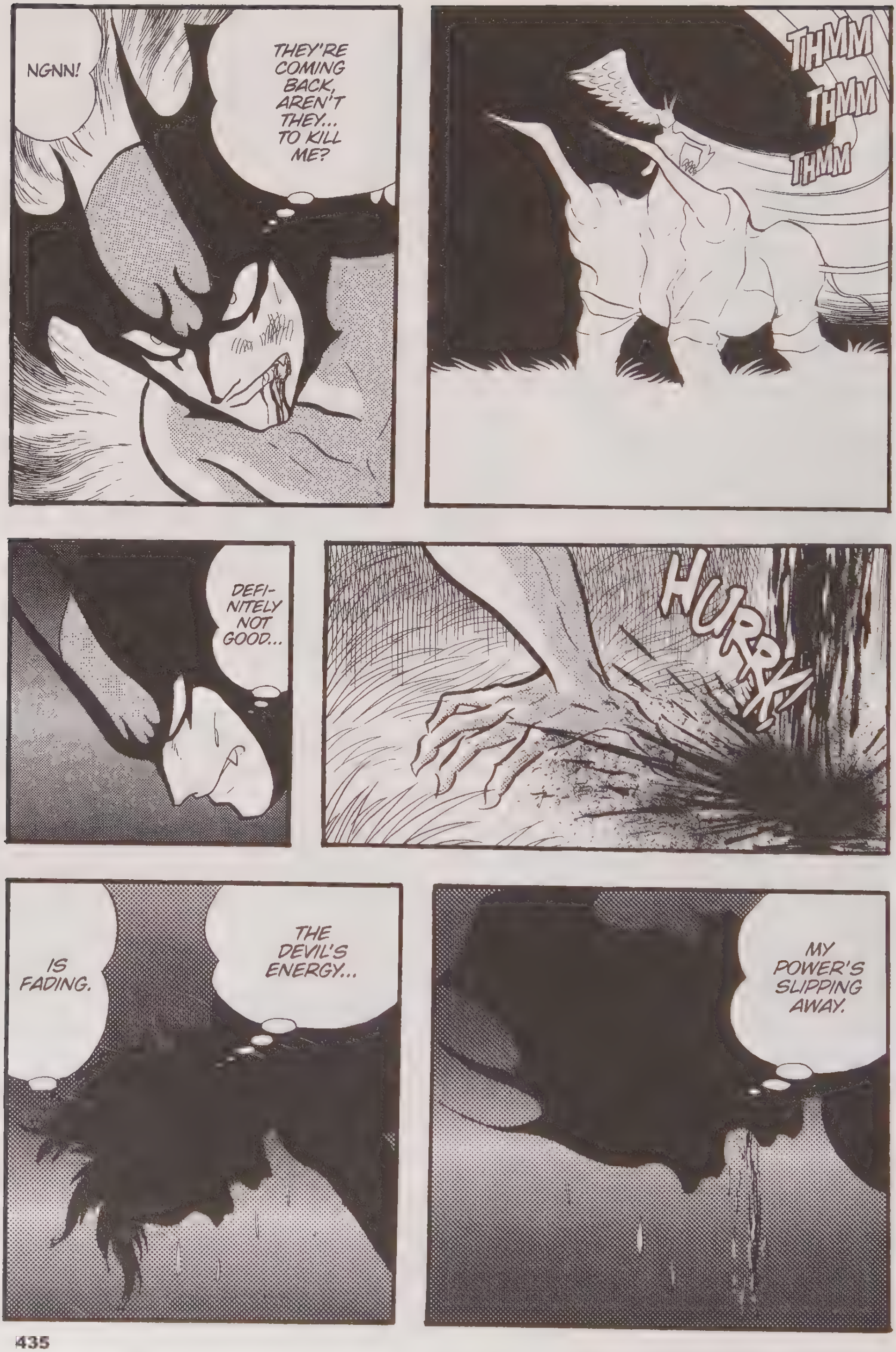
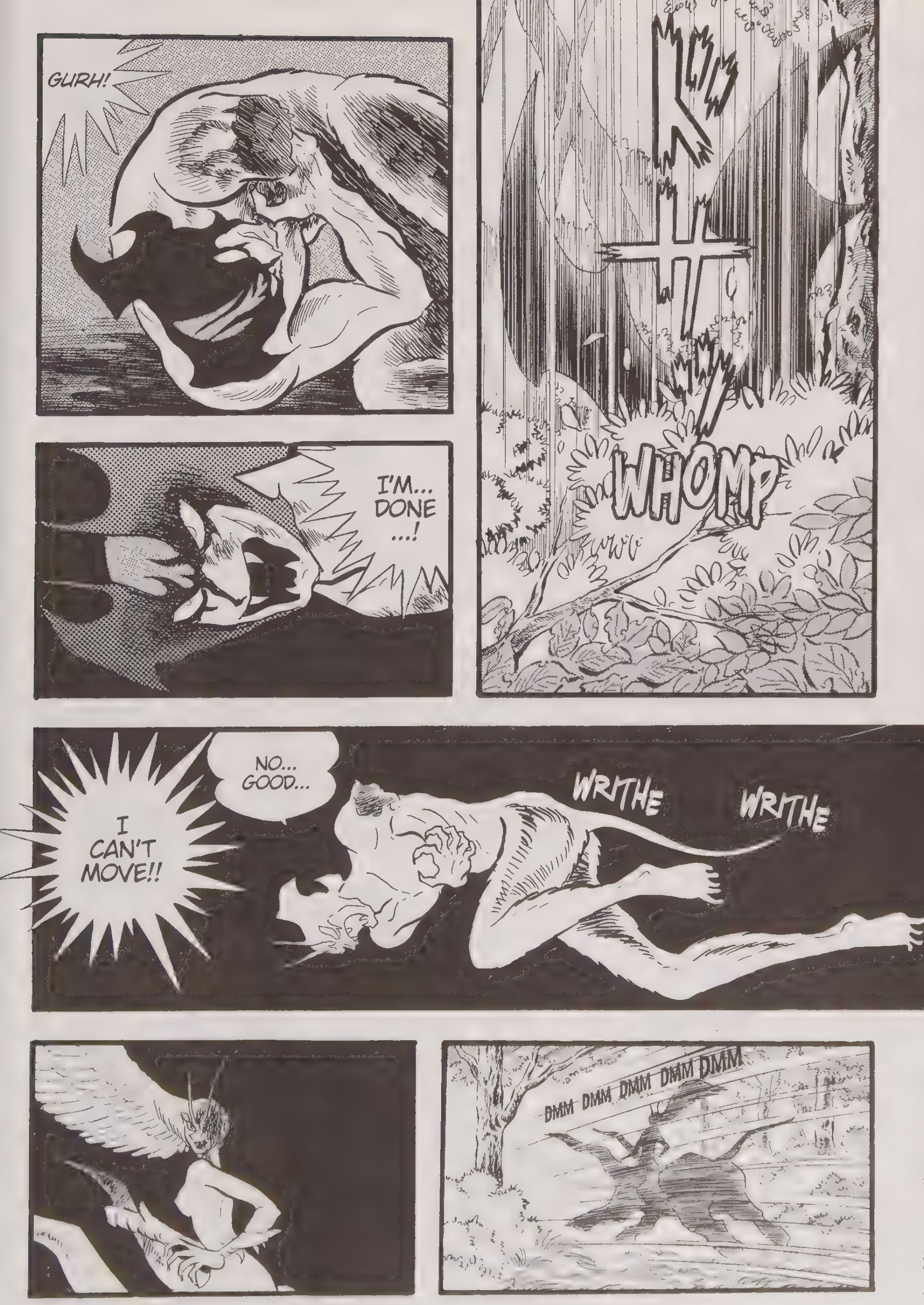
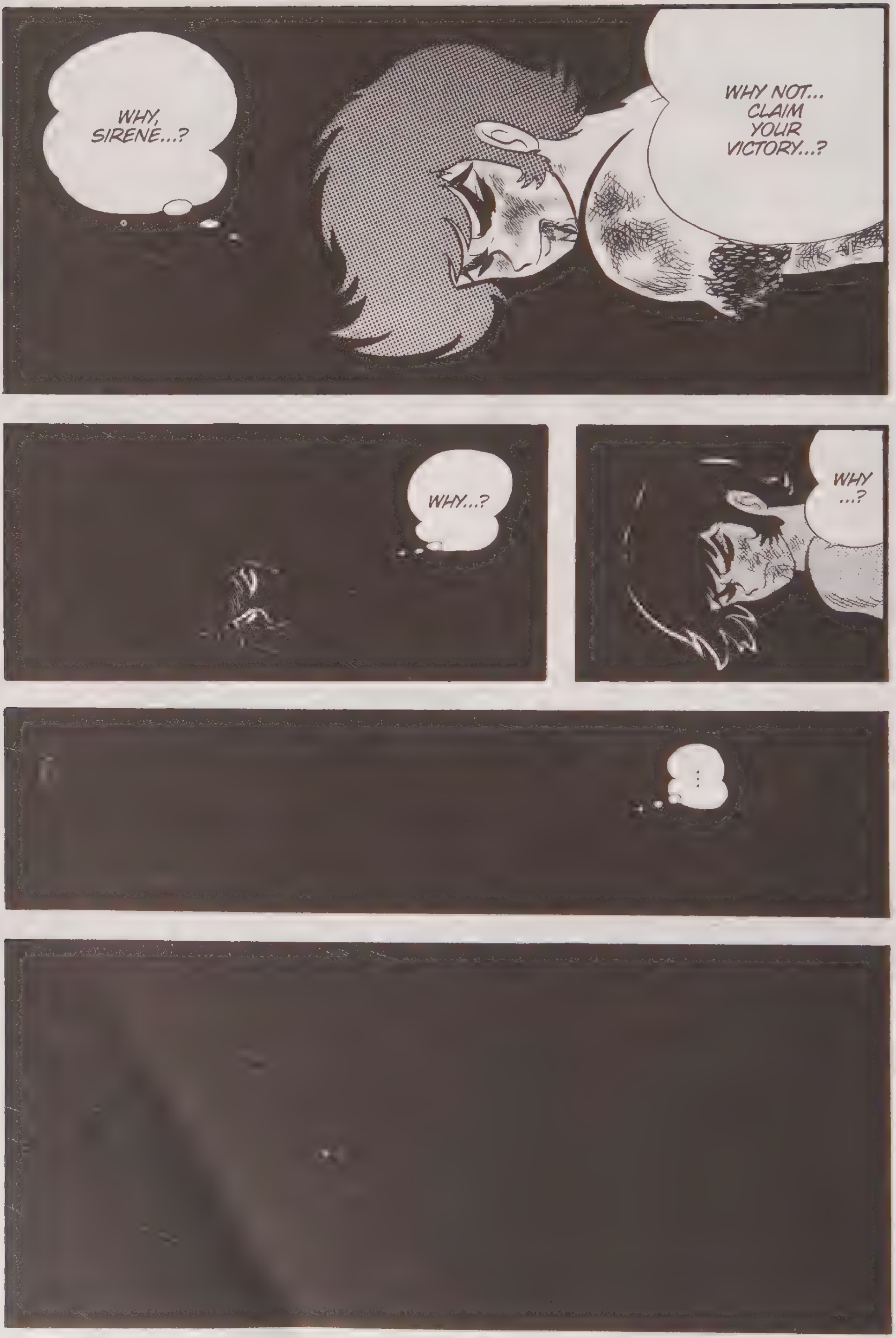
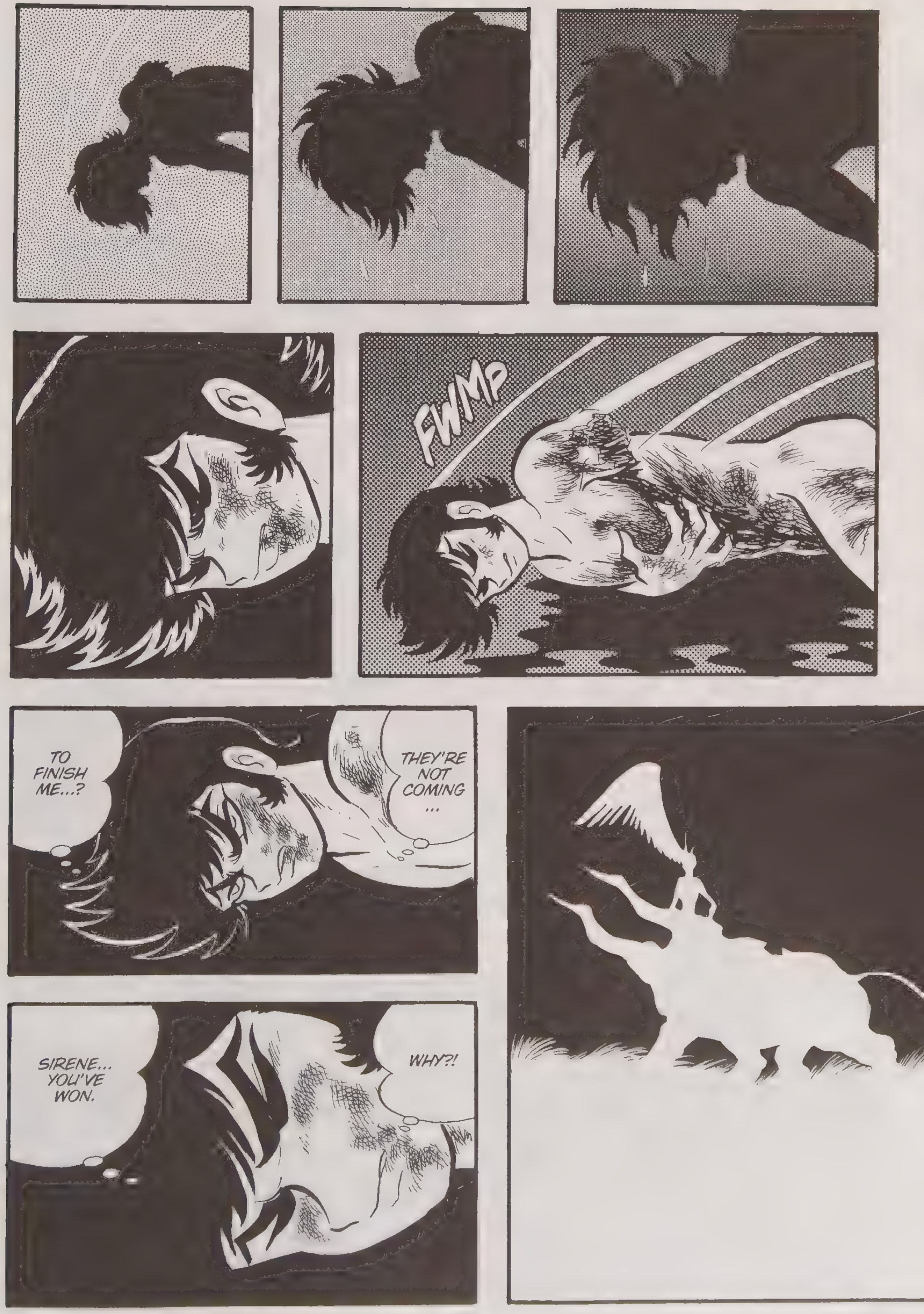
THRN
THRN
THRUN
THRUN
UNGH
...

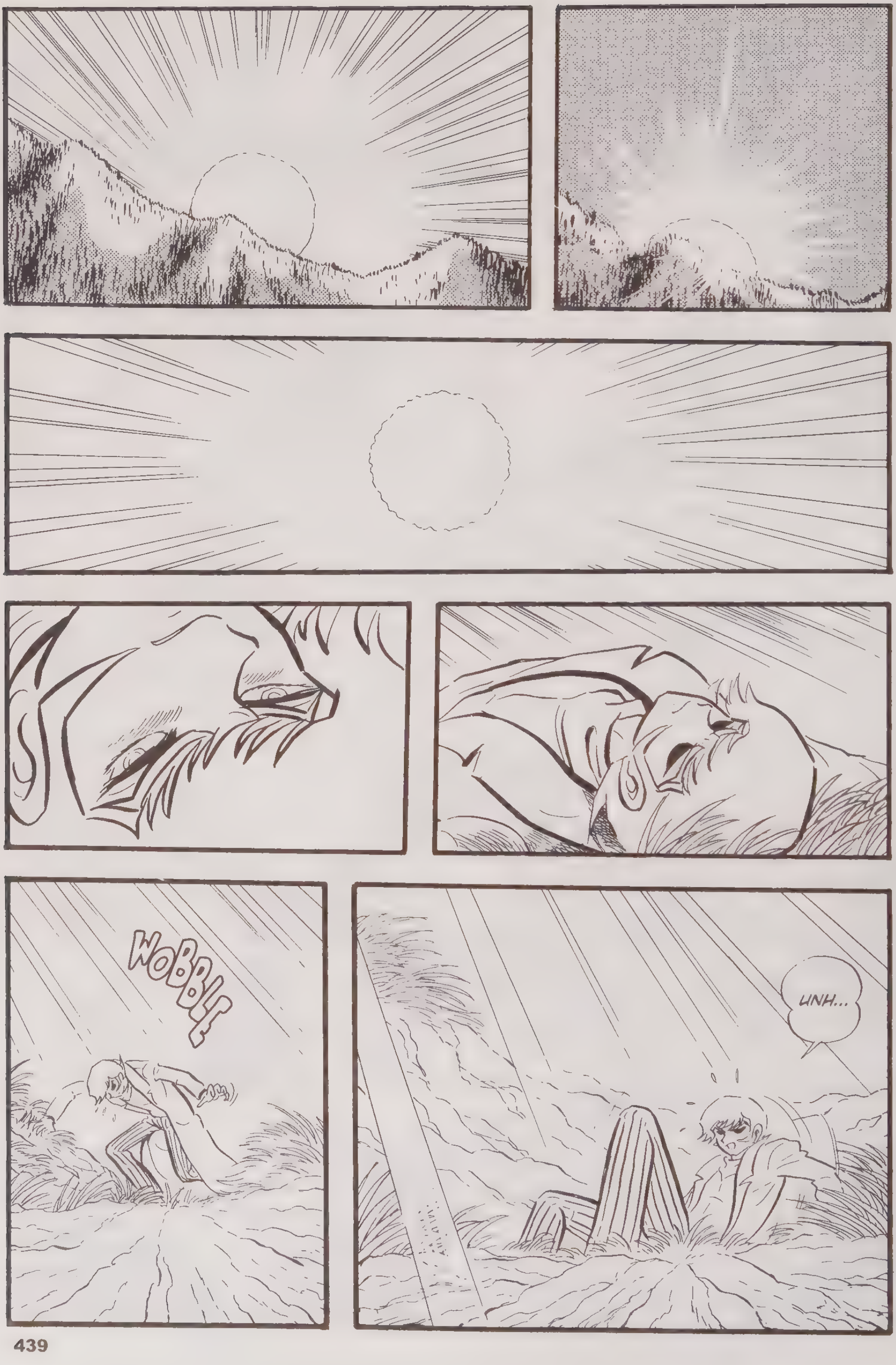

CRACKLE
BRZZT
BRZT
BRZT
UWAAHH!
ZU-DOO

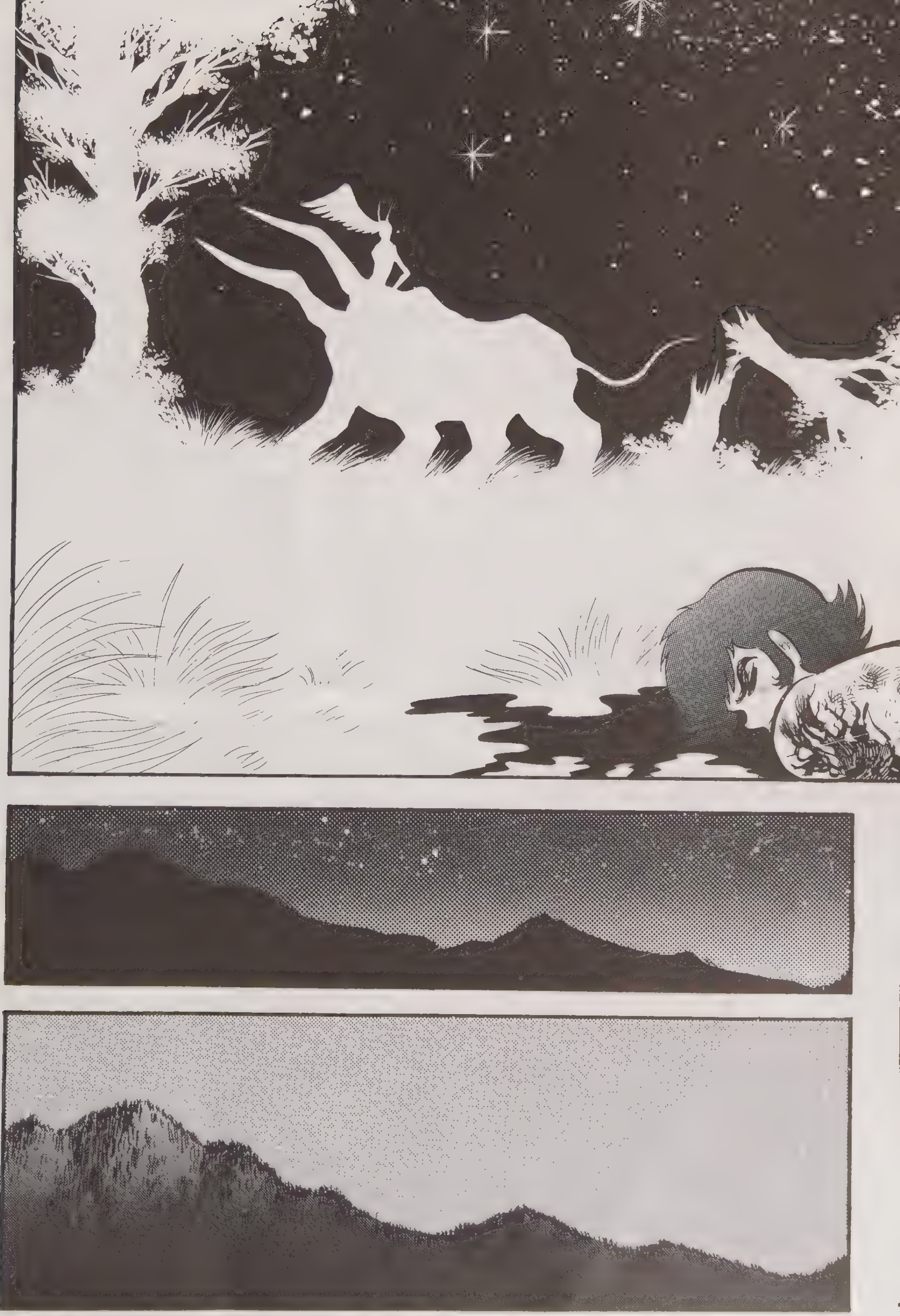

THMM
THMM
THMM
THEY'RE COMING BACK, AREN'T THEY... TO KILL ME?
NGNN!
HURRK!
DEFINITELY NOT GOOD...
MY POWER'S SLIPPING AWAY.
THE DEVIL'S ENERGY...
IS FADING.

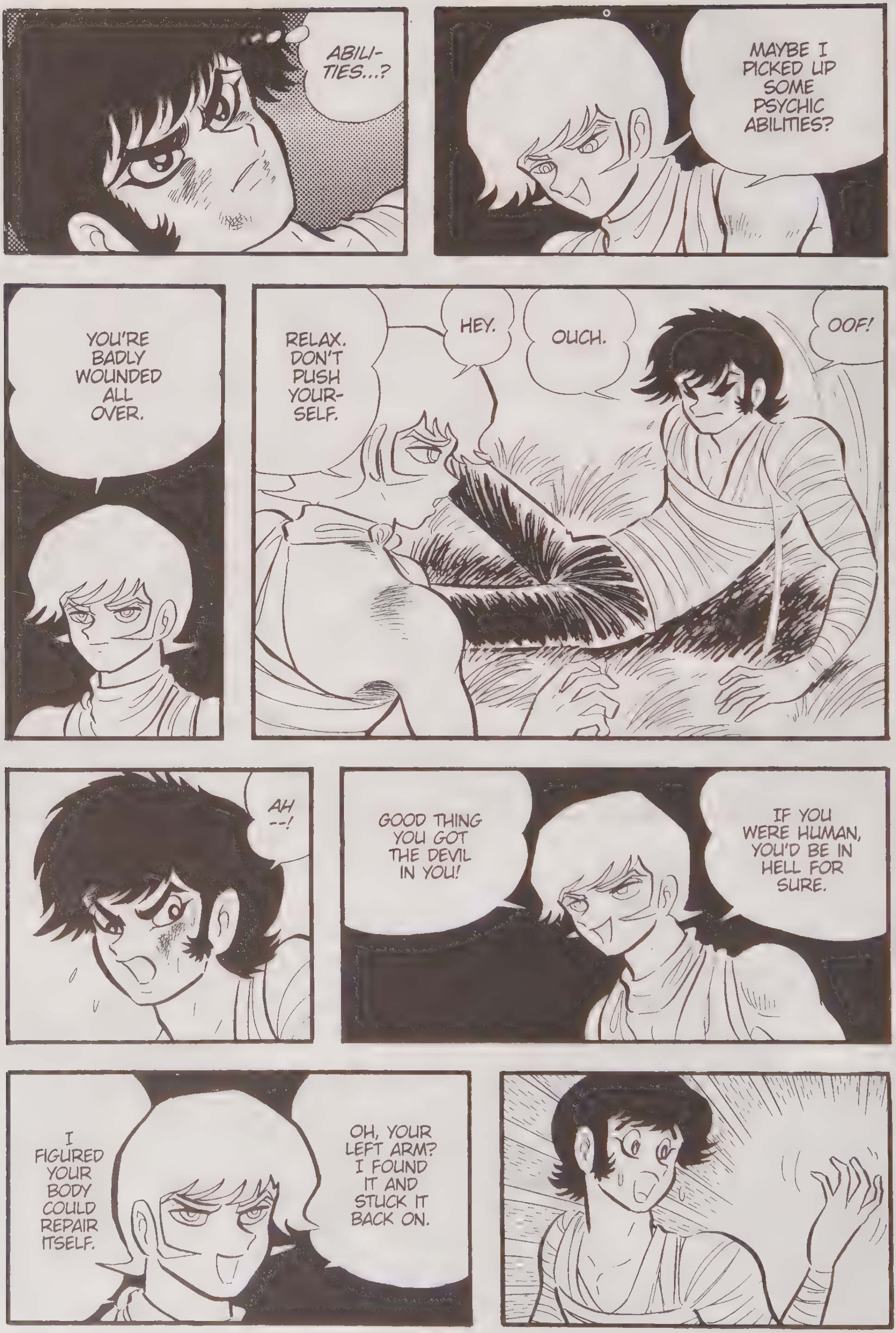

GURH!
I'M... DONE ...!
WHOMP
NO... GOOD...
I CAN'T MOVE!!
WRITHE
WRITHE
DMM DMM DMM DMM DMM

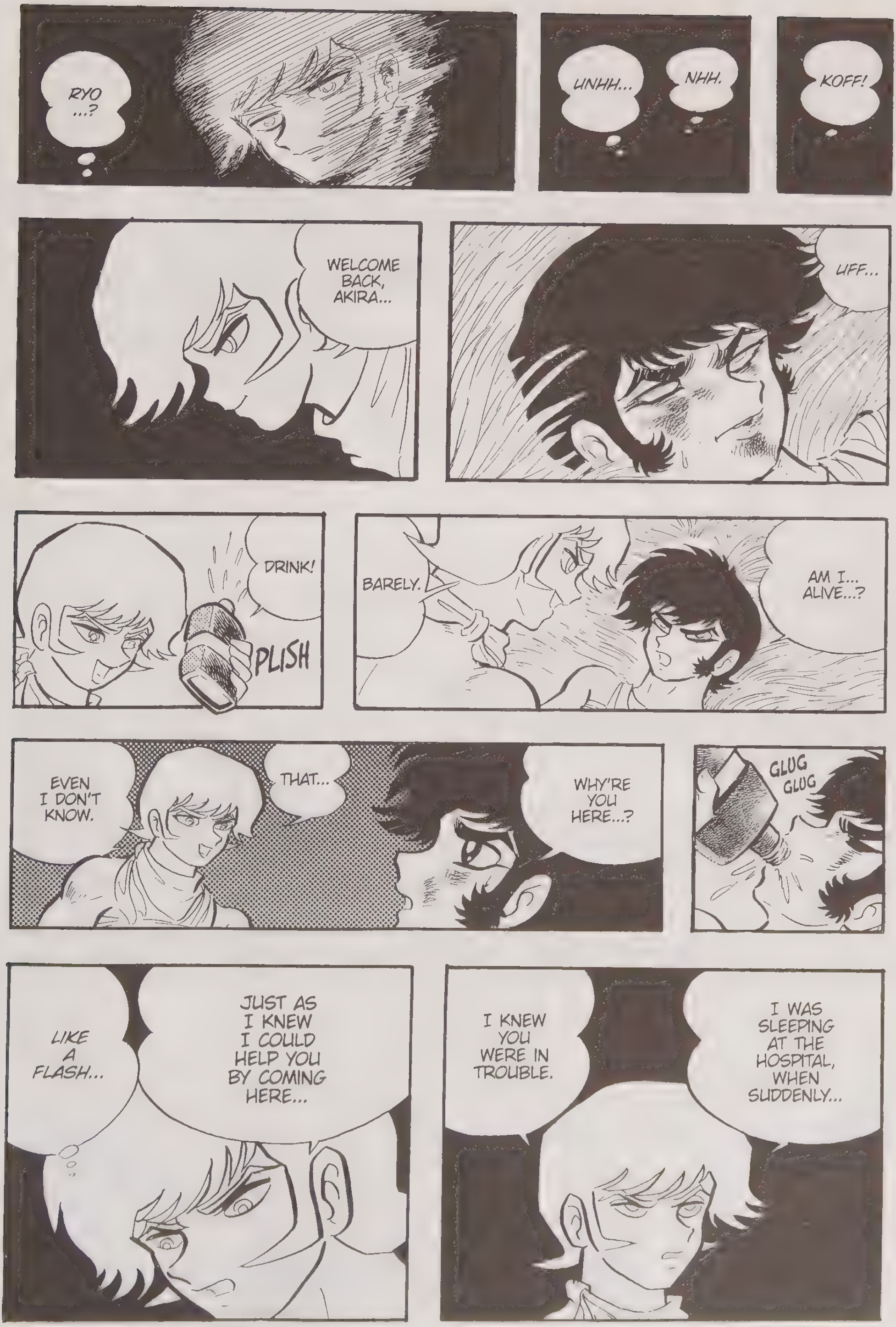

WHY, SIRENE...?
WHY NOT... CLAIM YOUR VICTORY...?
WHY...?
WHY ...?
...

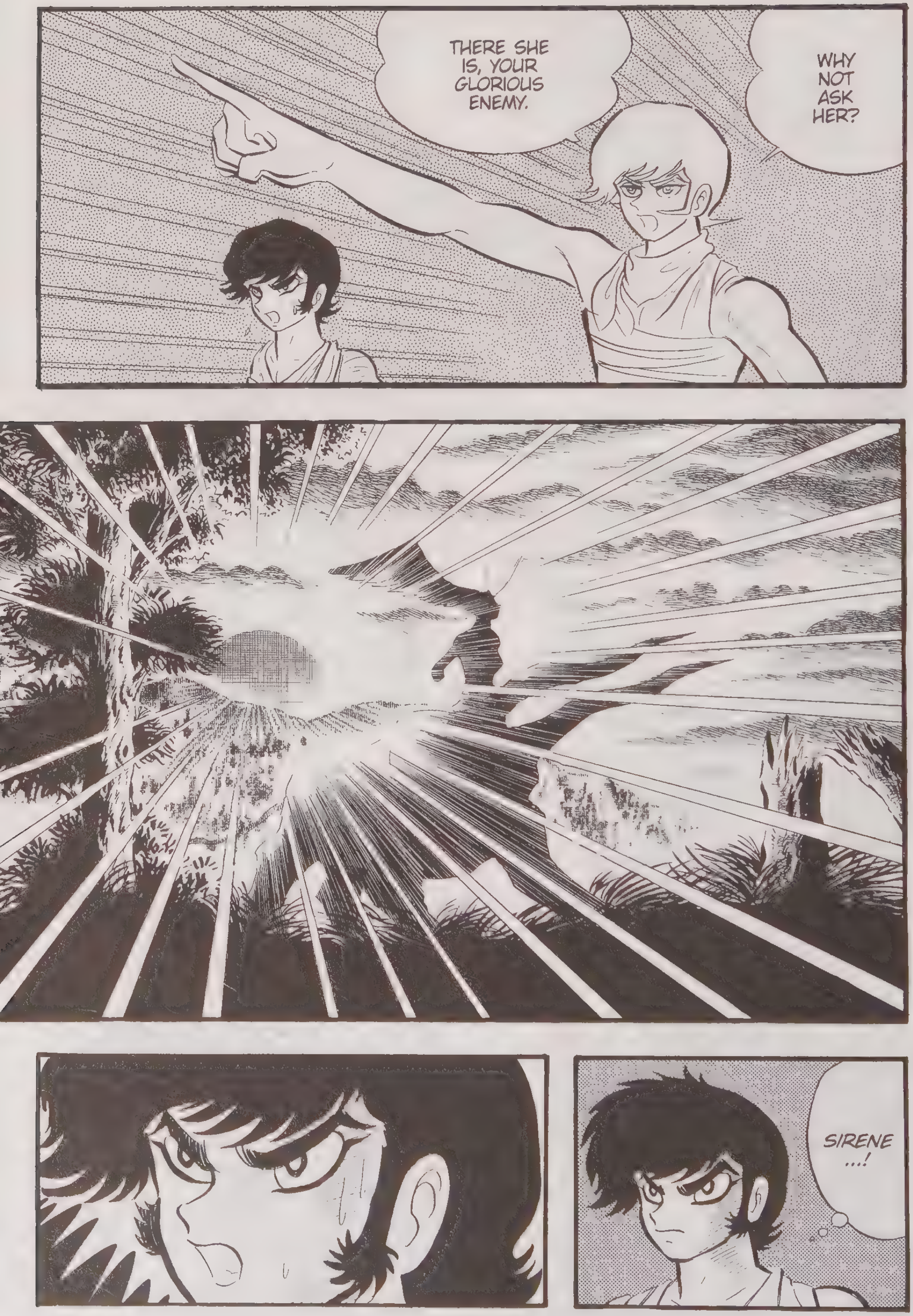

FWMP
THEY'RE NOT COMING ...
TO FINISH ME...?
WHY?!
SIRENE... YOU'VE WON.

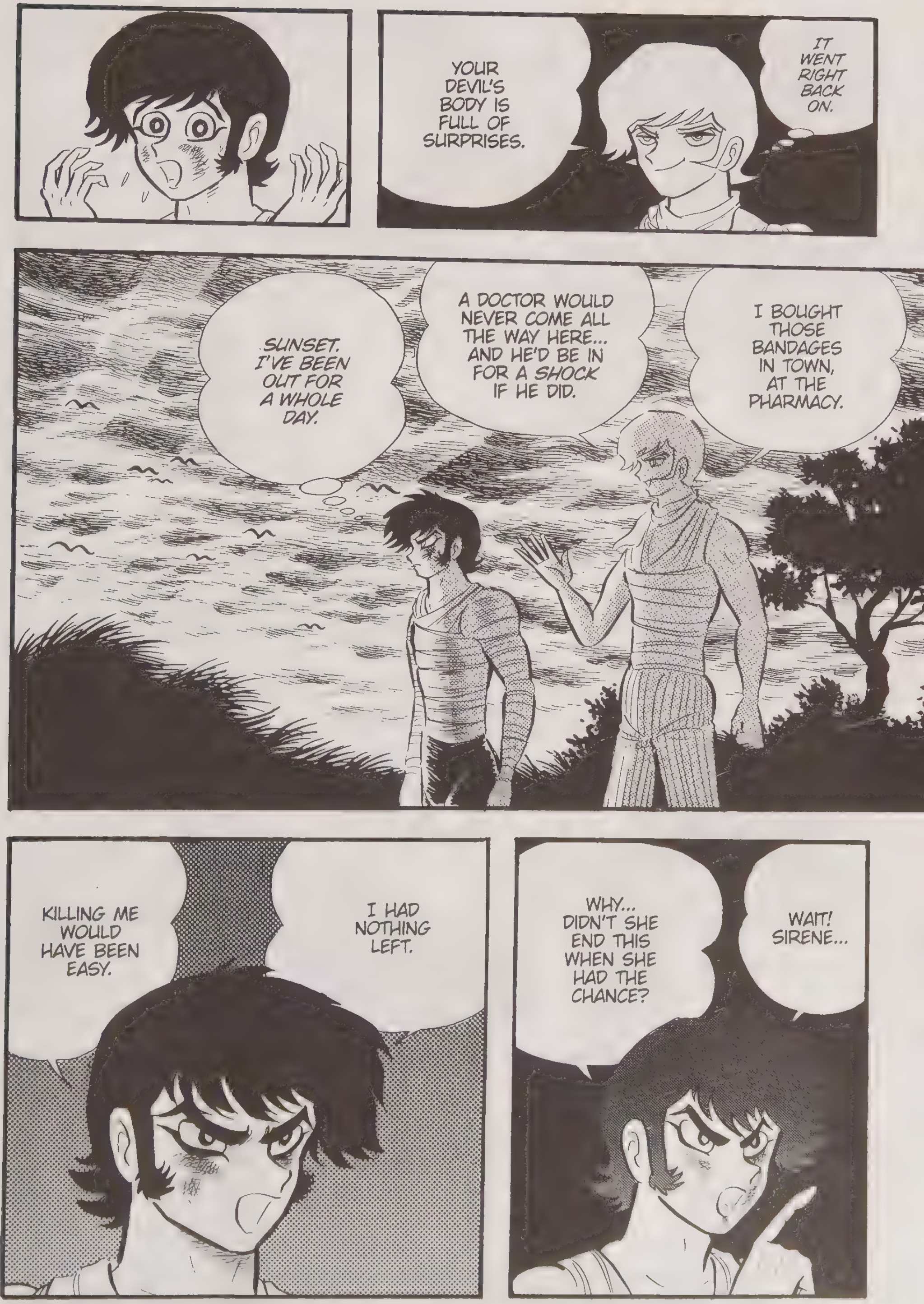

WOBBLE
UNH...

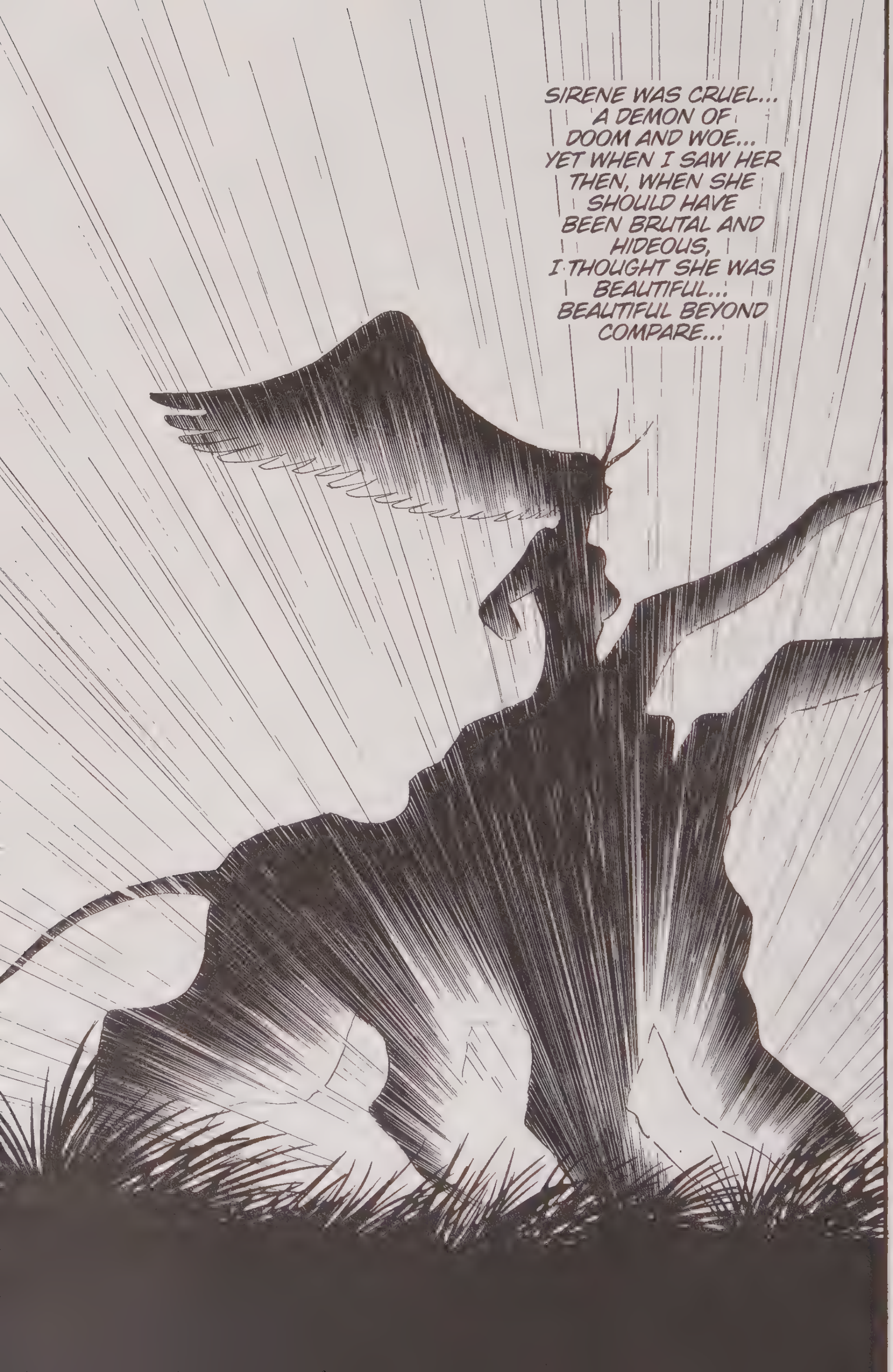


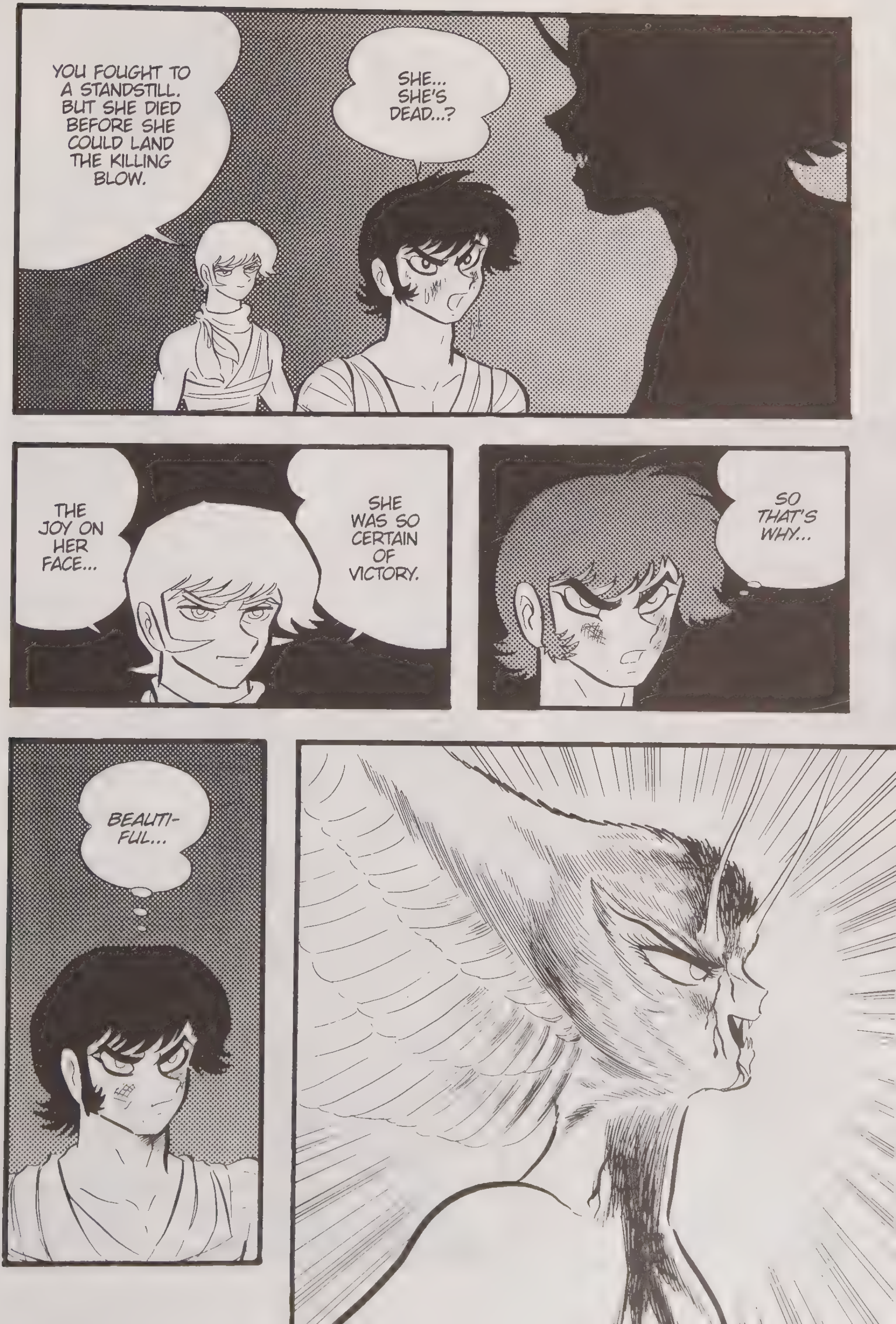

ABILI-TIES...?
MAYBE I PICKED UP SOME PSYCHIC ABILITIES?
YOU'RE BADLY WOUNDED ALL OVER.
OOF!
OUCH.
HEY.
RELAX. DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
AH --!
IF YOU WERE HUMAN, YOU'D BE IN HELL FOR SURE.
GOOD THING YOU GOT THE DEVIL IN YOU!
I FIGURED YOUR BODY COULD REPAIR ITSELF.
OH, YOUR LEFT ARM? I FOUND IT AND STUCK IT BACK ON.


KOFF!
NHH.
UNHH...
RYO ...?
UFF...
WELCOME BACK, AKIRA...
AM I... ALIVE...?
BARELY.
DRINK!
PLISH
GLUG GLUG
WHY'RE YOU HERE...?
THAT...
EVEN I DON'T KNOW.
I WAS SLEEPING AT THE HOSPITAL, WHEN SUDDENLY...
I KNEW YOU WERE IN TROUBLE.
JUST AS I KNEW I COULD HELP YOU BY COMING HERE...
LIKE A FLASH...

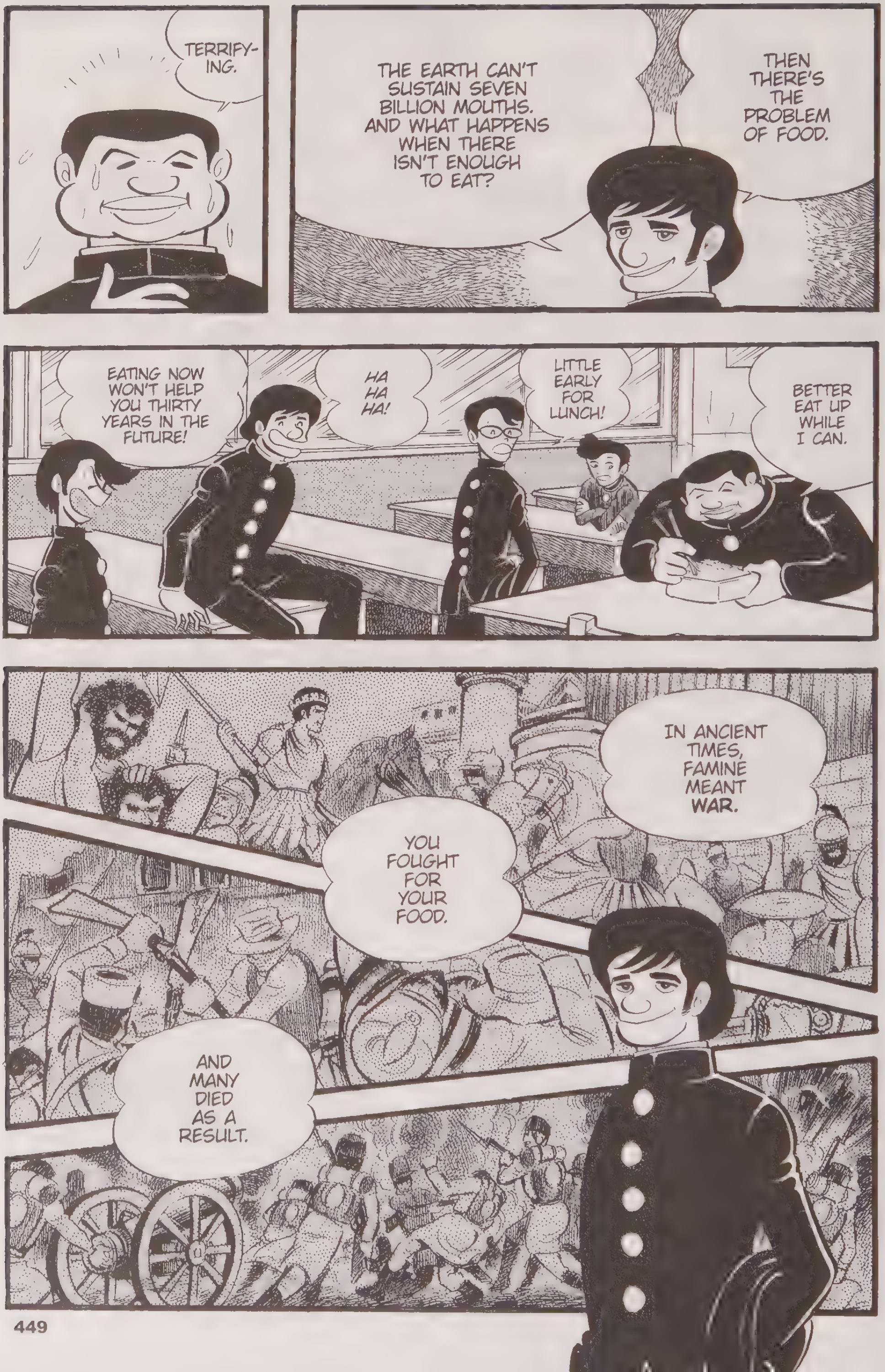

THERE SHE IS, YOUR GLORIOUS ENEMY.
WHY NOT ASK HER?
SIRENE ...!


IT WENT RIGHT BACK ON.
YOUR DEVIL'S BODY IS FULL OF SURPRISES.
I BOUGHT THOSE BANDAGES IN TOWN, AT THE PHARMACY.
A DOCTOR WOULD NEVER COME ALL THE WAY HERE... AND HE'D BE IN FOR A *SHOCK* IF HE DID.
SUNSET. I'VE BEEN OUT FOR A WHOLE DAY.
WAIT! SIRENE...
WHY... DIDN'T SHE END THIS WHEN SHE HAD THE CHANCE?
I HAD NOTHING LEFT.
KILLING ME WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY.

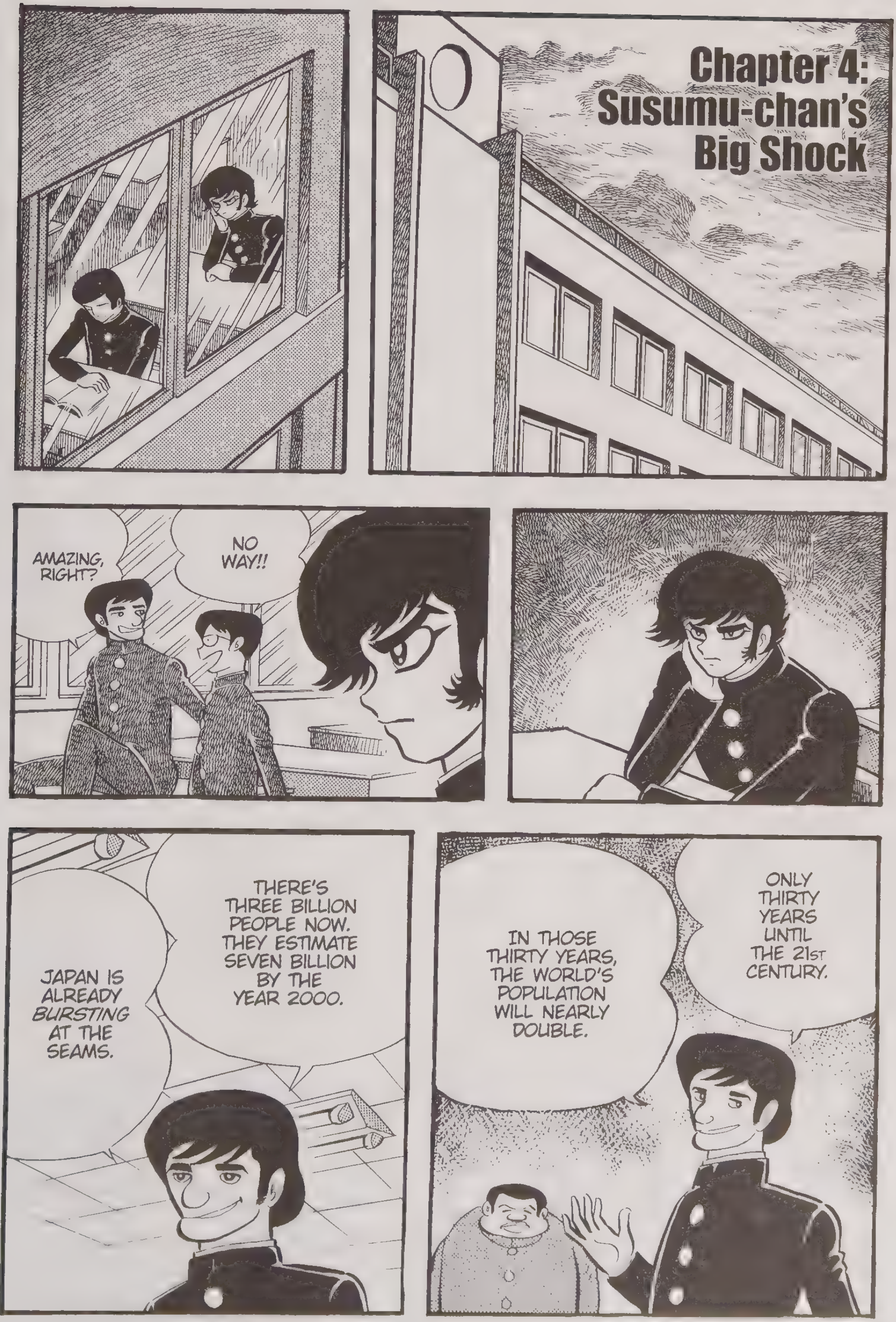

SIRENE WAS CRUEL... A DEMON OF DOOM AND WOE... YET WHEN I SAW HER THEN, WHEN SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BRUTAL AND HIDEOUS, I THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL... BEAUTIFUL BEYOND COMPARE...

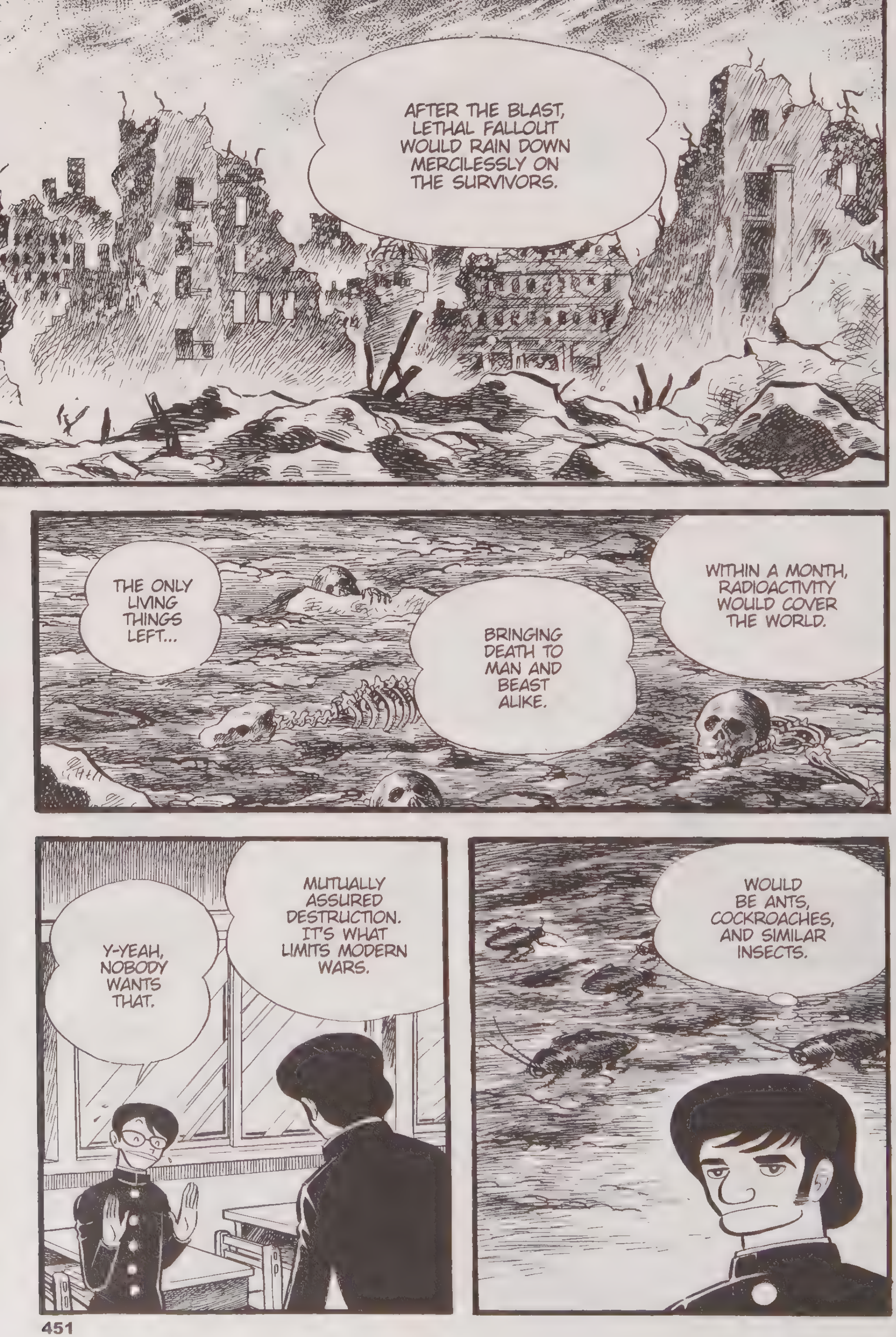

SHE... SHE'S DEAD...?
YOU FOUGHT TO A STANDSTILL. BUT SHE DIED BEFORE SHE COULD LAND THE KILLING BLOW.
SO THAT'S WHY...
SHE WAS SO CERTAIN OF VICTORY.
THE JOY ON HER FACE...
BEAUTIFUL...

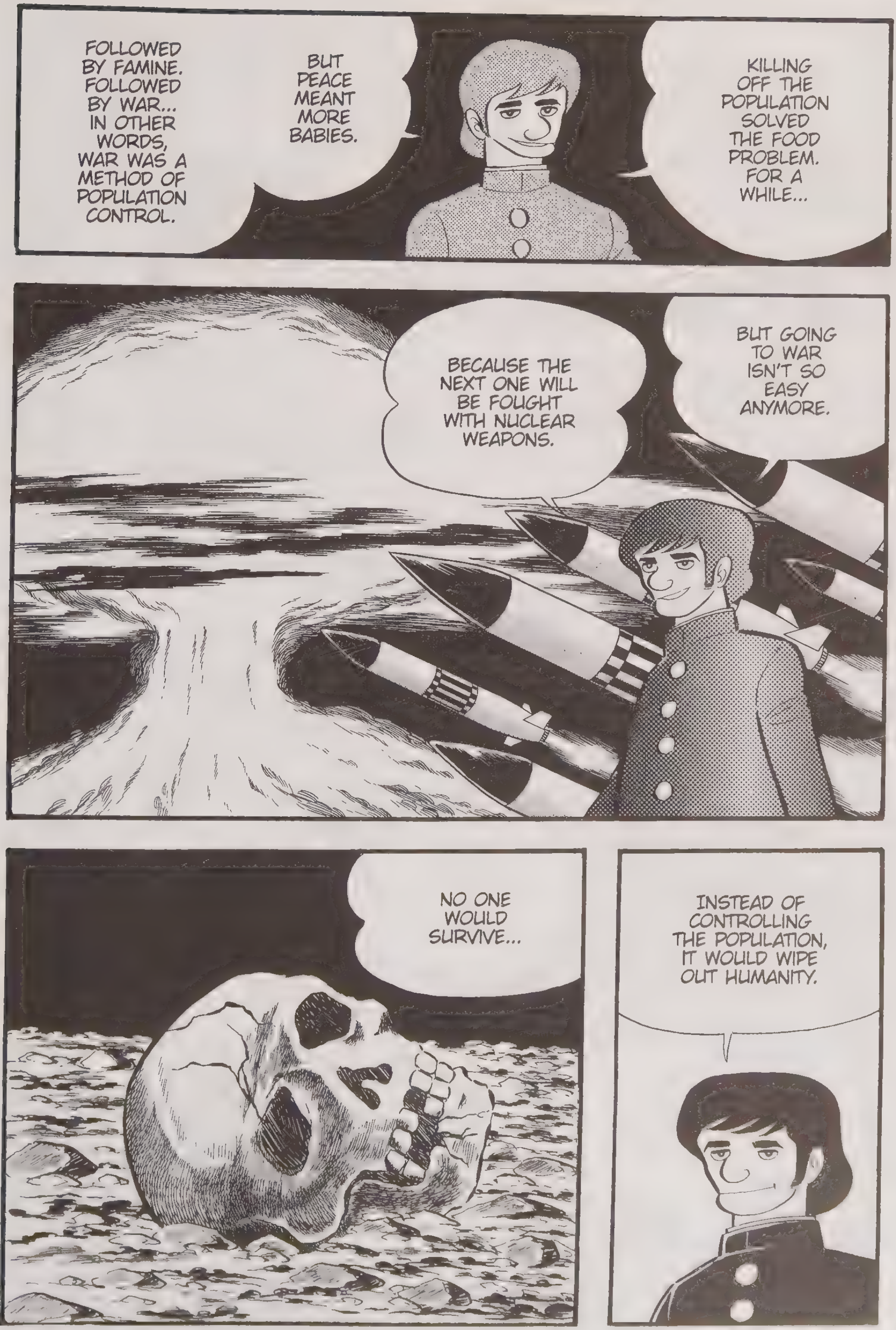
DEVILMAN

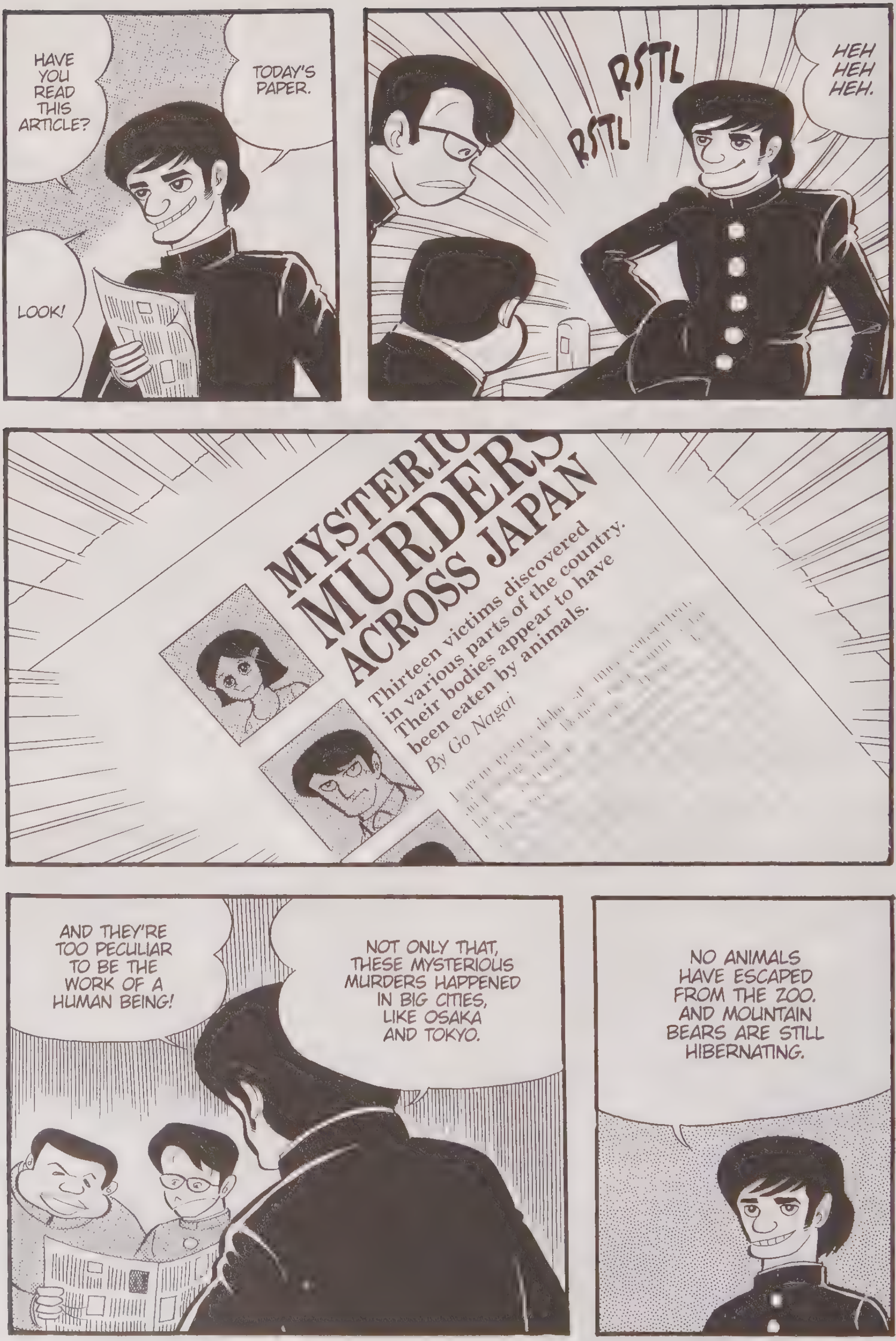

THEN THERE'S THE PROBLEM OF FOOD.
THE EARTH CAN'T SUSTAIN SEVEN BILLION MOUTHS. AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE ISN'T ENOUGH TO EAT?
TERRIFYING.
BETTER EAT UP WHILE I CAN.
LITTLE EARLY FOR LUNCH!
HA HA HA!
EATING NOW WON'T HELP YOU THIRTY YEARS IN THE FUTURE!
IN ANCIENT TIMES, FAMINE MEANT **WAR.**
YOU FOUGHT FOR YOUR FOOD.
AND MANY DIED AS A RESULT.

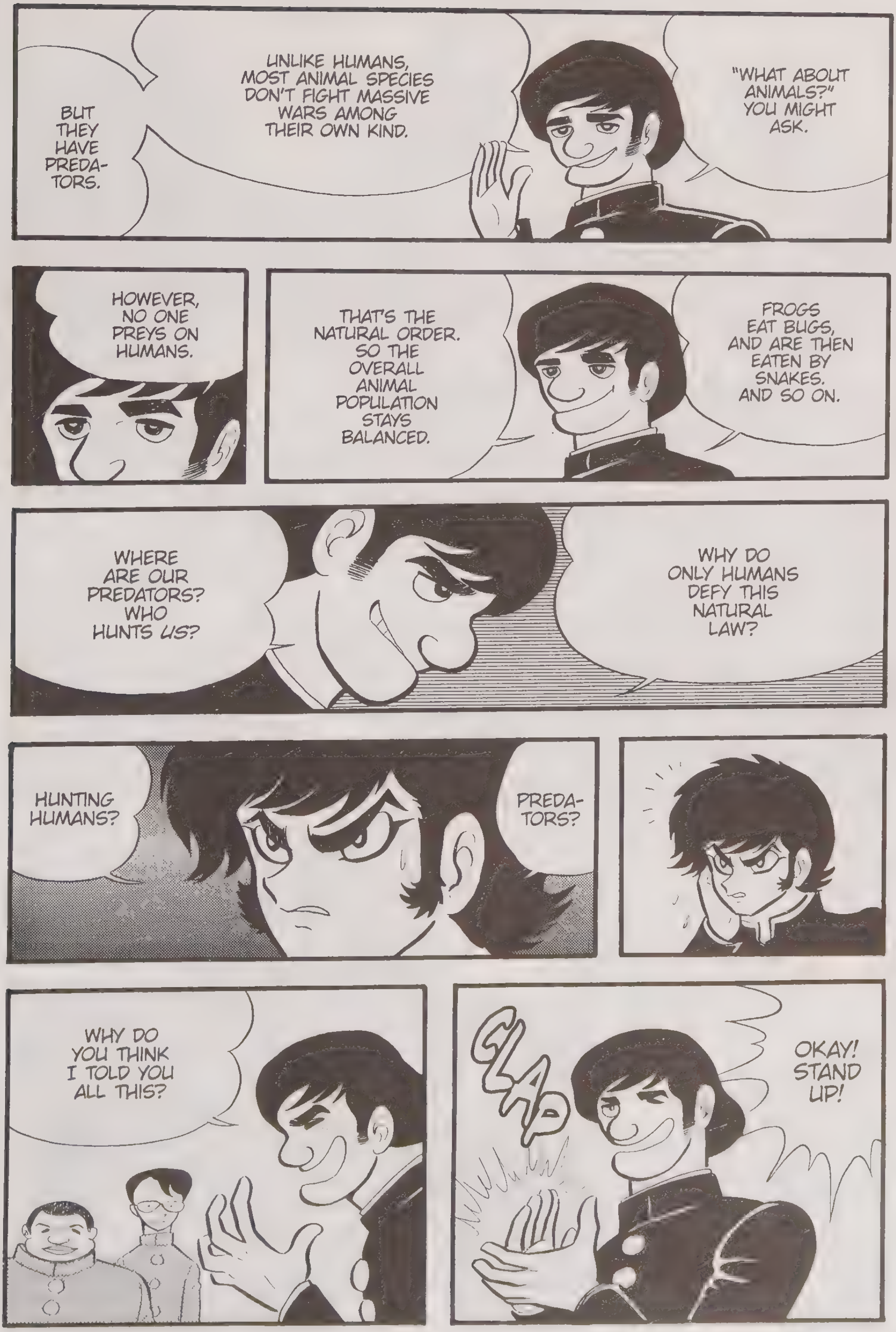
Chapter 4: Susumu-chan's Big Shock

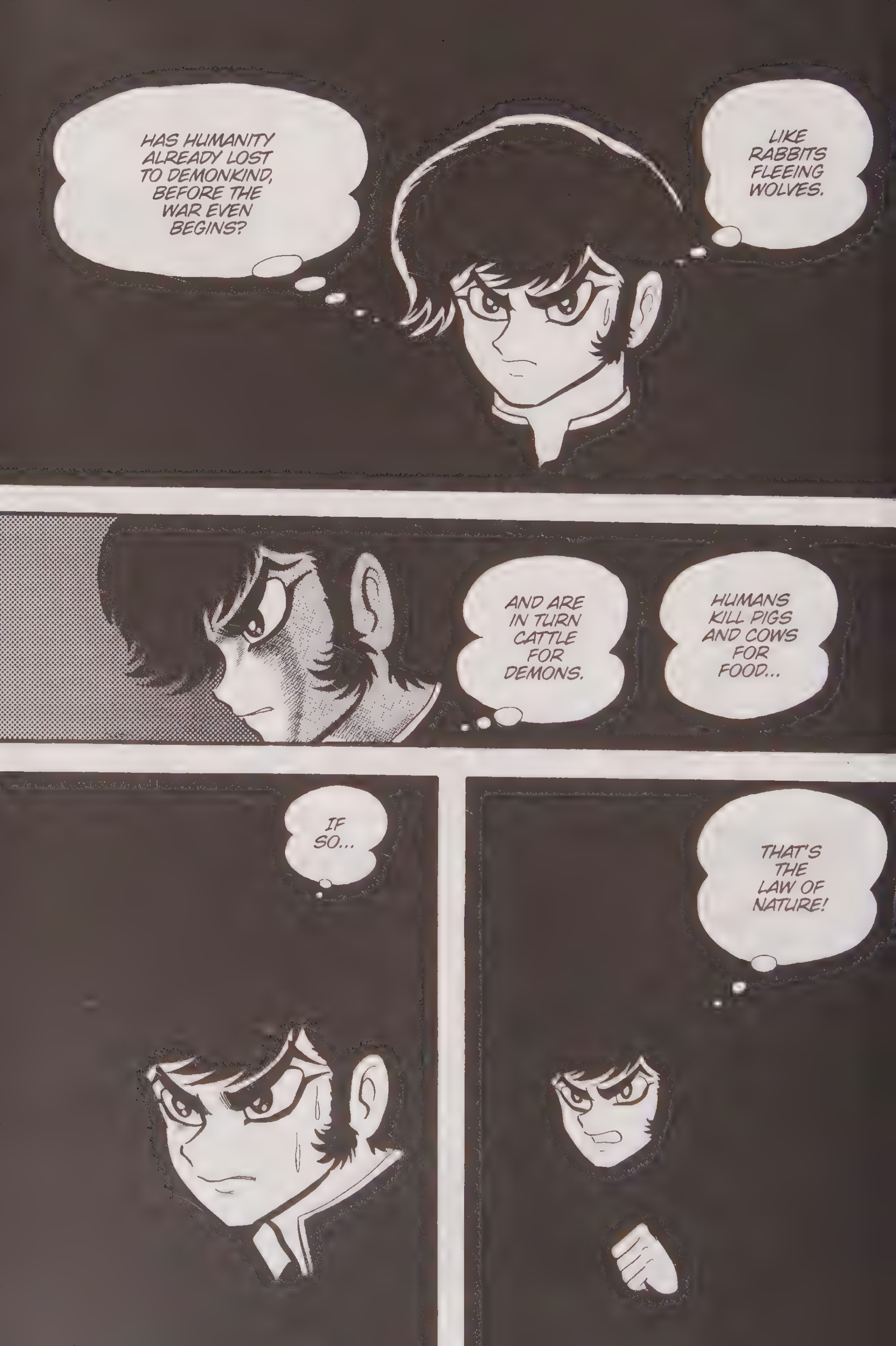

NO WAY!!
AMAZING, RIGHT?
ONLY THIRTY YEARS UNTIL THE 21ST CENTURY.
IN THOSE THIRTY YEARS, THE WORLD'S POPULATION WILL NEARLY DOUBLE.
THERE'S THREE BILLION PEOPLE NOW. THEY ESTIMATE SEVEN BILLION BY THE YEAR 2000.
JAPAN IS ALREADY BURSTING AT THE SEAMS.

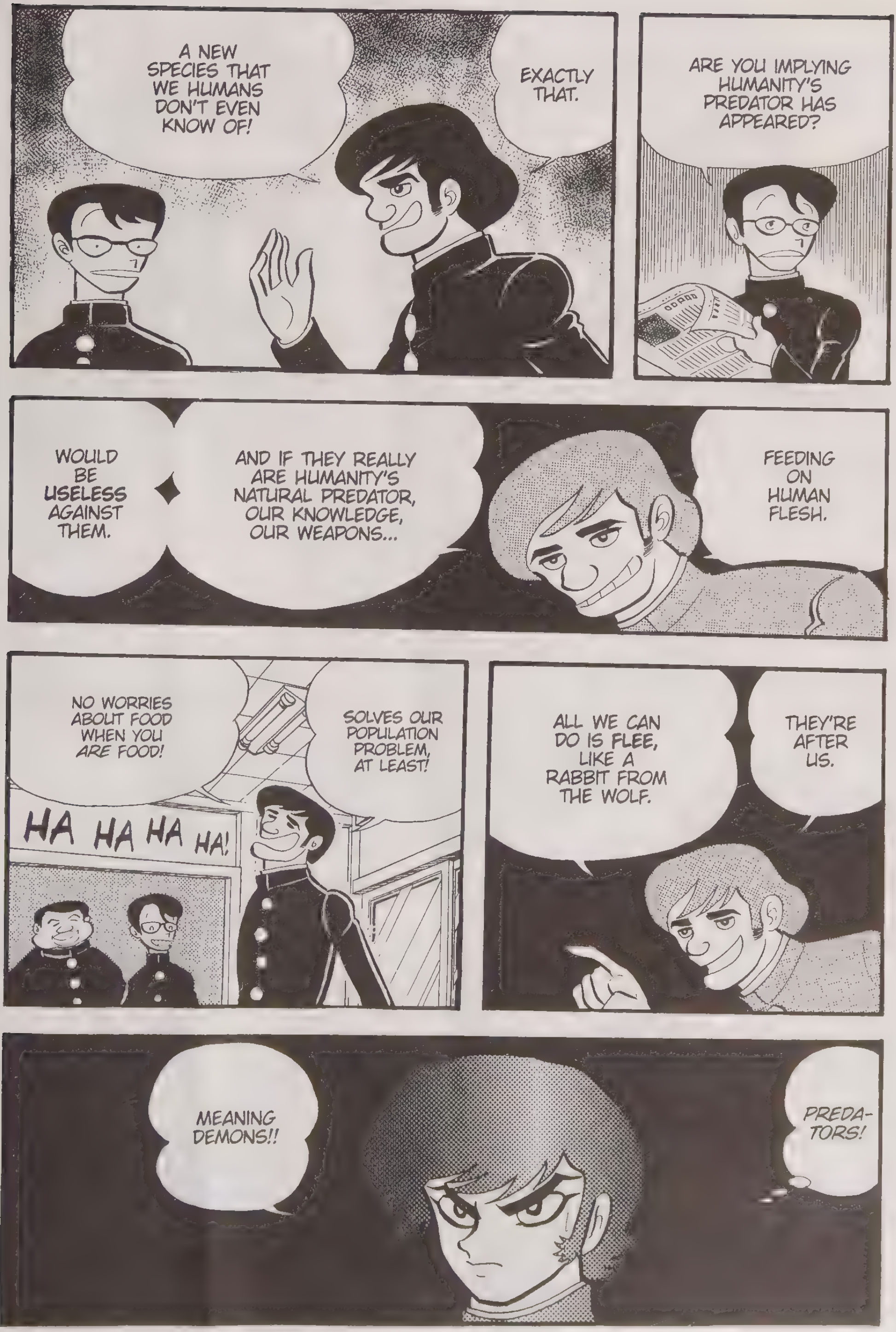

AFTER THE BLAST, LETHAL FALLOUT WOULD RAIN DOWN MERCILESSLY ON THE SURVIVORS.
WITHIN A MONTH, RADIOACTIVITY WOULD COVER THE WORLD.
BRINGING DEATH TO MAN AND BEAST ALIKE.
THE ONLY LIVING THINGS LEFT...
WOULD BE ANTS, COCKROACHES, AND SIMILAR INSECTS.
MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION. IT'S WHAT LIMITS MODERN WARS.
Y-YEAH, NOBODY WANTS THAT.

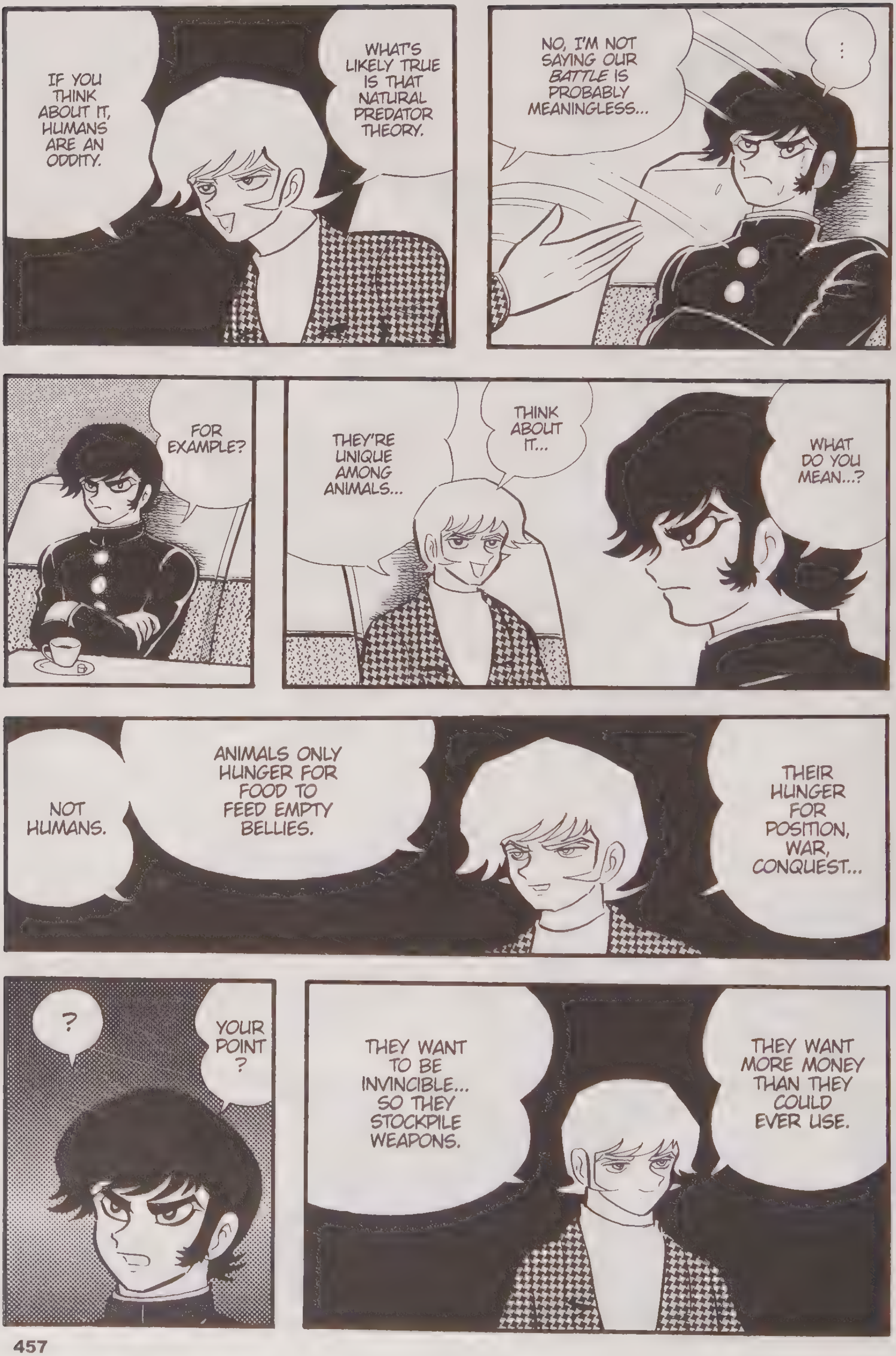

KILLING OFF THE POPULATION SOLVED THE FOOD PROBLEM. FOR A WHILE...
BUT PEACE MEANT MORE BABIES.
FOLLOWED BY FAMINE. FOLLOWED BY WAR... IN OTHER WORDS, WAR WAS A METHOD OF POPULATION CONTROL.
BUT GOING TO WAR ISN'T SO EASY ANYMORE.
BECAUSE THE NEXT ONE WILL BE FOUGHT WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
INSTEAD OF CONTROLLING THE POPULATION, IT WOULD WIPE OUT HUMANITY.
NO ONE WOULD SURVIVE...


HAVE YOU READ THIS ARTICLE?
TODAY'S PAPER.
LOOK!
RSTL
RSTL
HEH HEH HEH.
MYSTERIO
MURDERS
ACROSS JAPAN
Thirteen victims discovered in various parts of the country. Their bodies appear to have been eaten by animals.
By Go Nagai
AND THEY'RE TOO PECULIAR TO BE THE WORK OF A HUMAN BEING!
NOT ONLY THAT, THESE MYSTERIOUS MURDERS HAPPENED IN BIG CITIES, LIKE OSAKA AND TOKYO.
NO ANIMALS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO. AND MOUNTAIN BEARS ARE STILL HIBERNATING.


"WHAT ABOUT ANIMALS?" YOU MIGHT ASK.
UNLIKE HUMANS, MOST ANIMAL SPECIES DON'T FIGHT MASSIVE WARS AMONG THEIR OWN KIND.
BUT THEY HAVE PREDATORS.
FROGS EAT BUGS, AND ARE THEN EATEN BY SNAKES. AND SO ON.
THAT'S THE NATURAL ORDER. SO THE OVERALL ANIMAL POPULATION STAYS BALANCED.
HOWEVER, NO ONE PREYS ON HUMANS.
WHY DO ONLY HUMANS DEFY THIS NATURAL LAW?
WHERE ARE OUR PREDATORS? WHO HUNTS *US*?
PREDATORS?
HUNTING HUMANS?
WHY DO YOU THINK I TOLD YOU ALL THIS?
CLAP
OKAY! STAND UP!


LIKE RABBITS FLEEING WOLVES.
HAS HUMANITY ALREADY LOST TO DEMONKIND, BEFORE THE WAR EVEN BEGINS?
HUMANS KILL PIGS AND COWS FOR FOOD...
AND ARE IN TURN CATTLE FOR DEMONS.
THAT'S THE LAW OF NATURE!
IF SO...


ARE YOU IMPLYING HUMANITY'S PREDATOR HAS APPEARED?
EXACTLY THAT.
A NEW SPECIES THAT WE HUMANS DON'T EVEN KNOW OF!
FEEDING ON HUMAN FLESH.
AND IF THEY REALLY ARE HUMANITY'S NATURAL PREDATOR, OUR KNOWLEDGE, OUR WEAPONS...
WOULD BE USELESS AGAINST THEM.
THEY'RE AFTER US.
ALL WE CAN DO IS FLEE, LIKE A RABBIT FROM THE WOLF.
SOLVES OUR POPULATION PROBLEM, AT LEAST!
NO WORRIES ABOUT FOOD WHEN YOU *ARE* FOOD!
HA HA HA HA!
PREDATORS!
MEANING DEMONS!!


…
NO, I'M NOT SAYING OUR *BATTLE* IS PROBABLY MEANINGLESS…
WHAT'S LIKELY TRUE IS THAT NATURAL PREDATOR THEORY.
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HUMANS ARE AN ODDITY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN…?
THINK ABOUT IT…
THEY'RE UNIQUE AMONG ANIMALS…
FOR EXAMPLE?
THEIR HUNGER FOR POSITION, WAR, CONQUEST…
ANIMALS ONLY HUNGER FOR FOOD TO FEED EMPTY BELLIES.
NOT HUMANS.
THEY WANT MORE MONEY THAN THEY COULD EVER USE.
THEY WANT TO BE INVINCIBLE… SO THEY STOCKPILE WEAPONS.
YOUR POINT?
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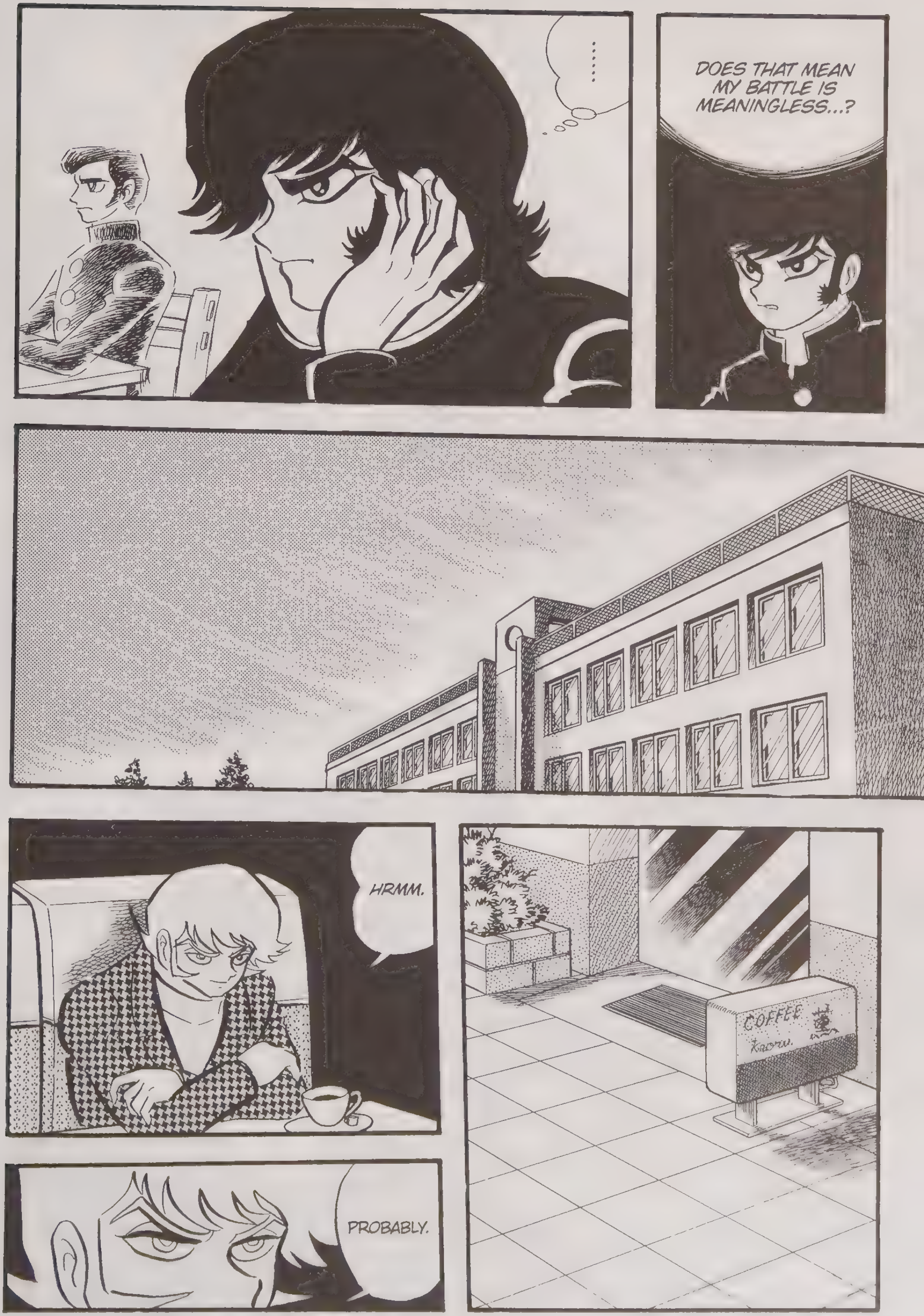
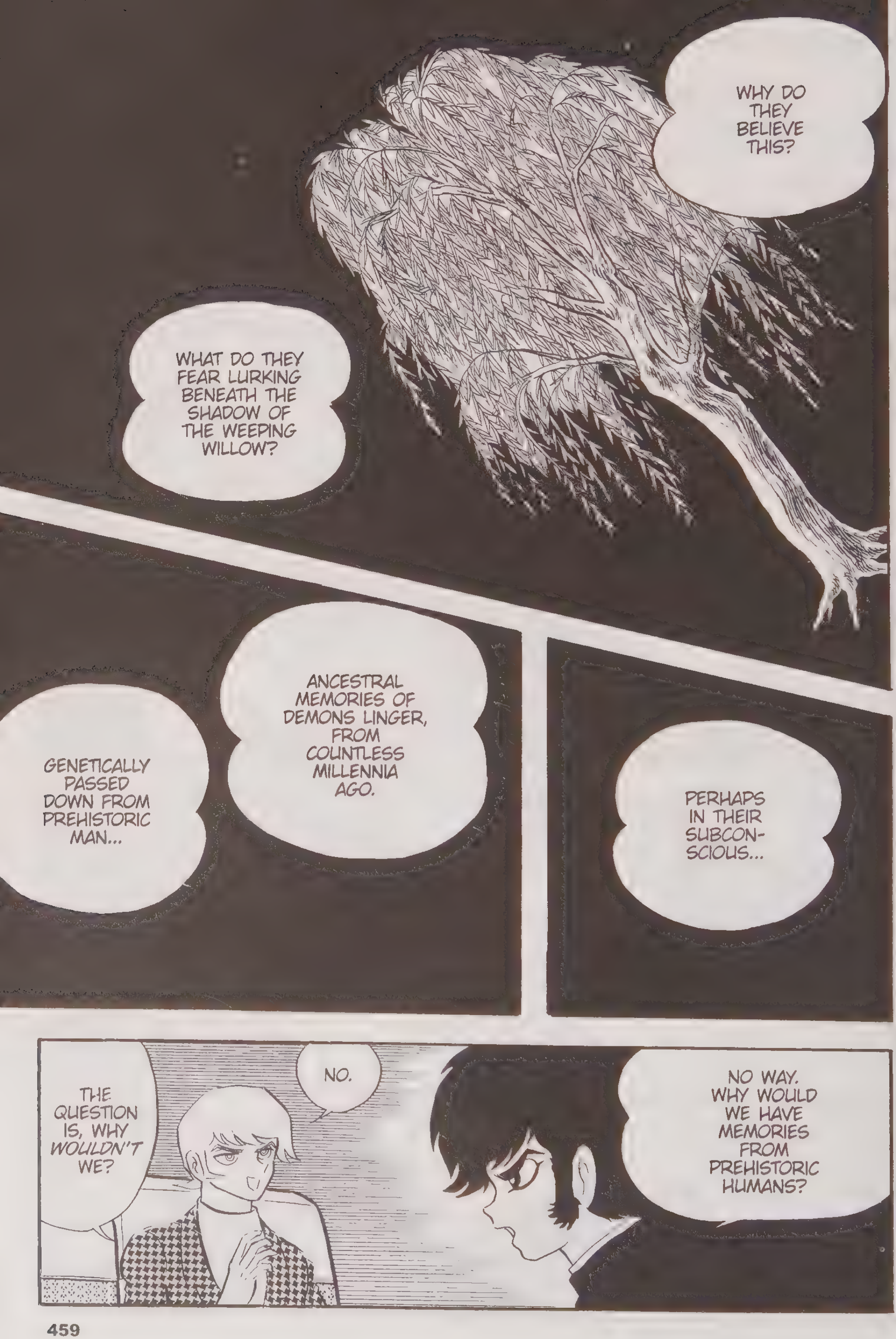
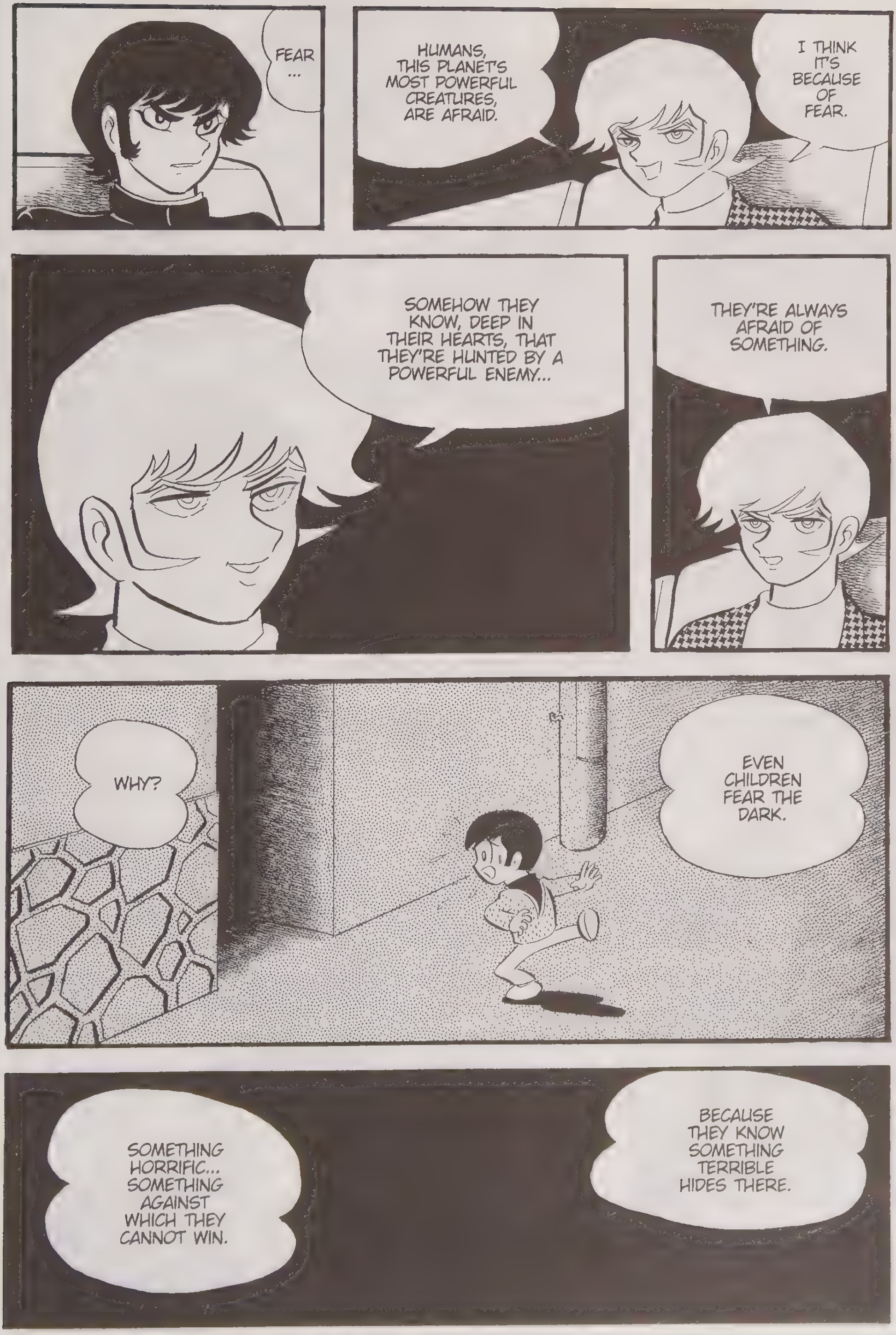
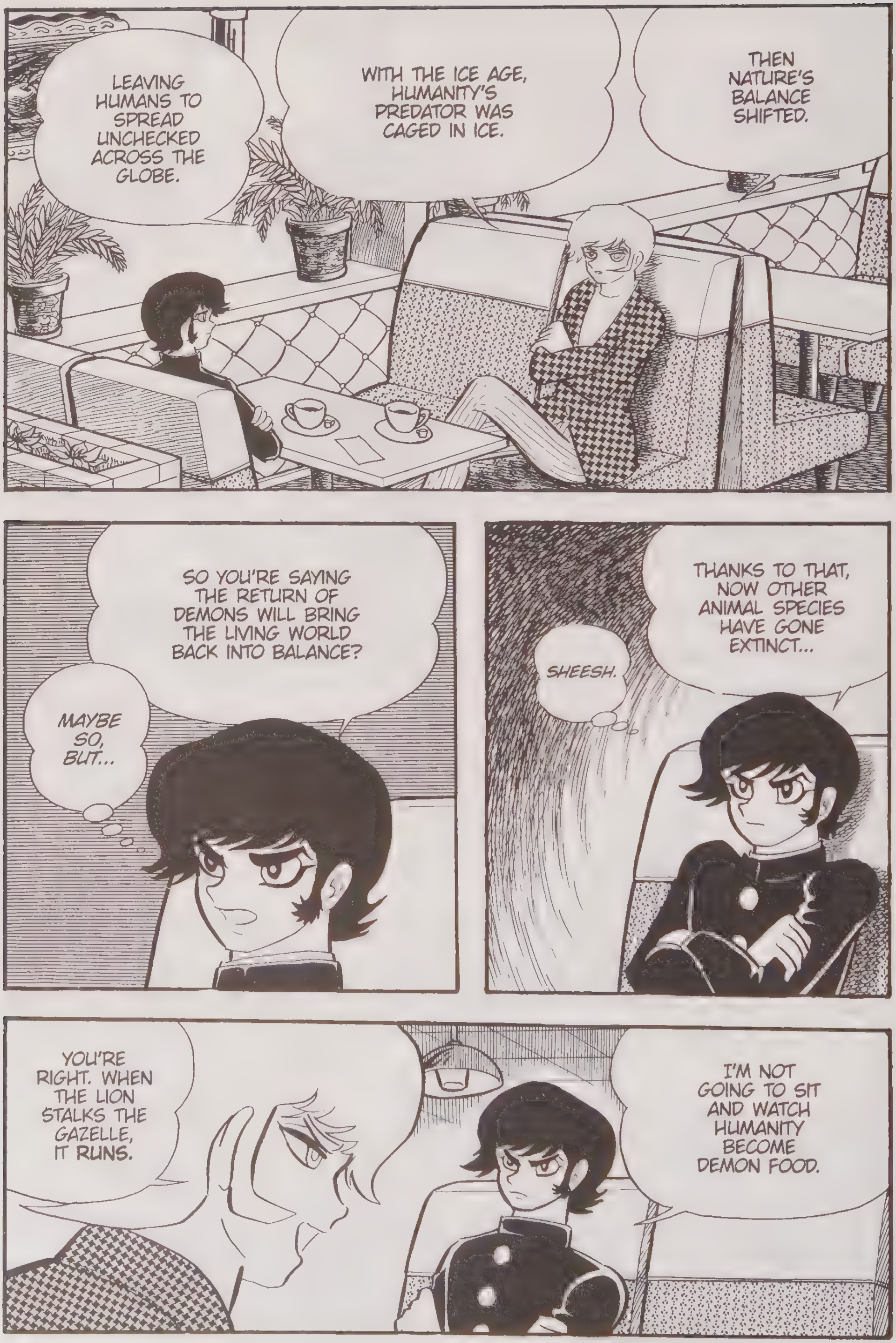
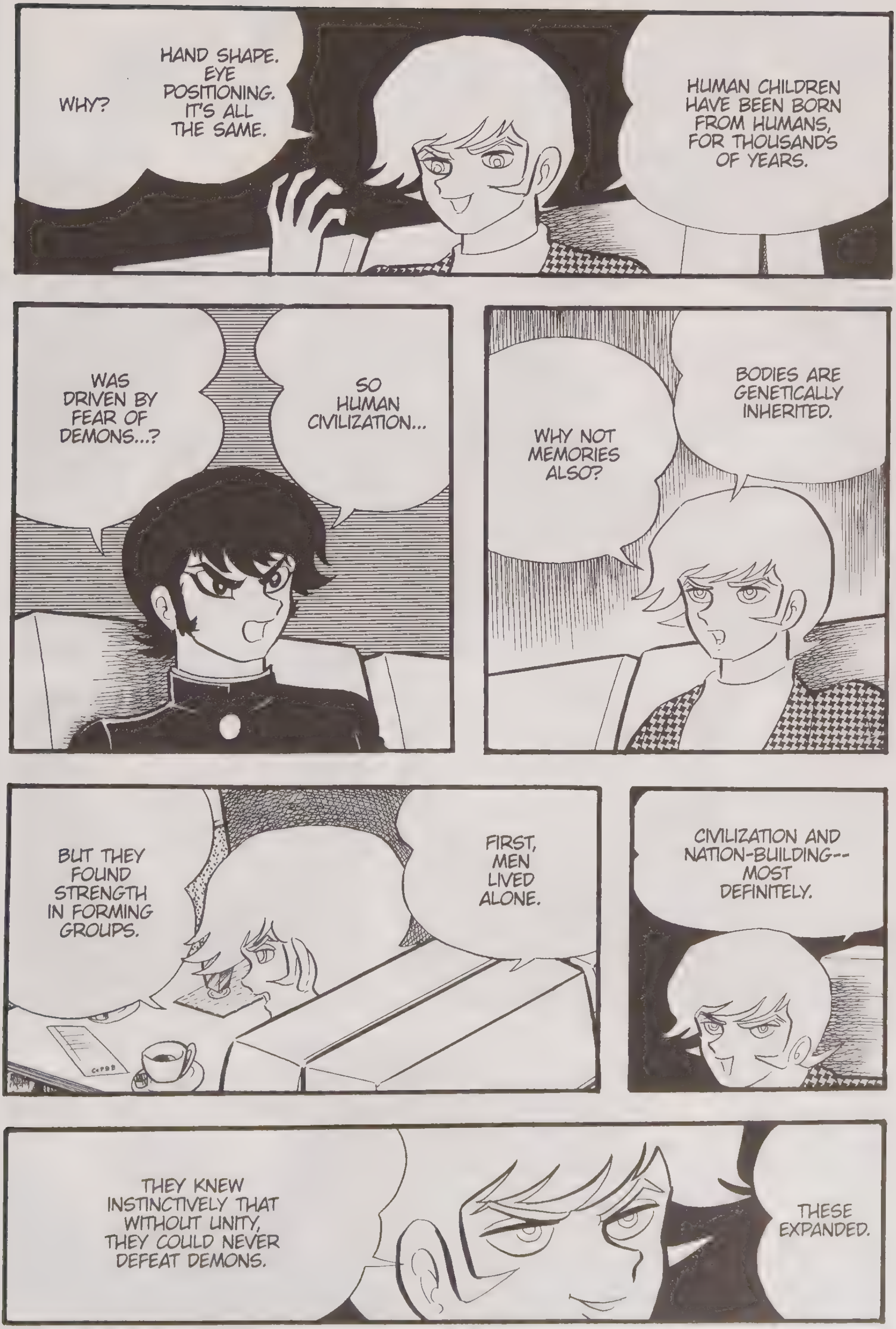
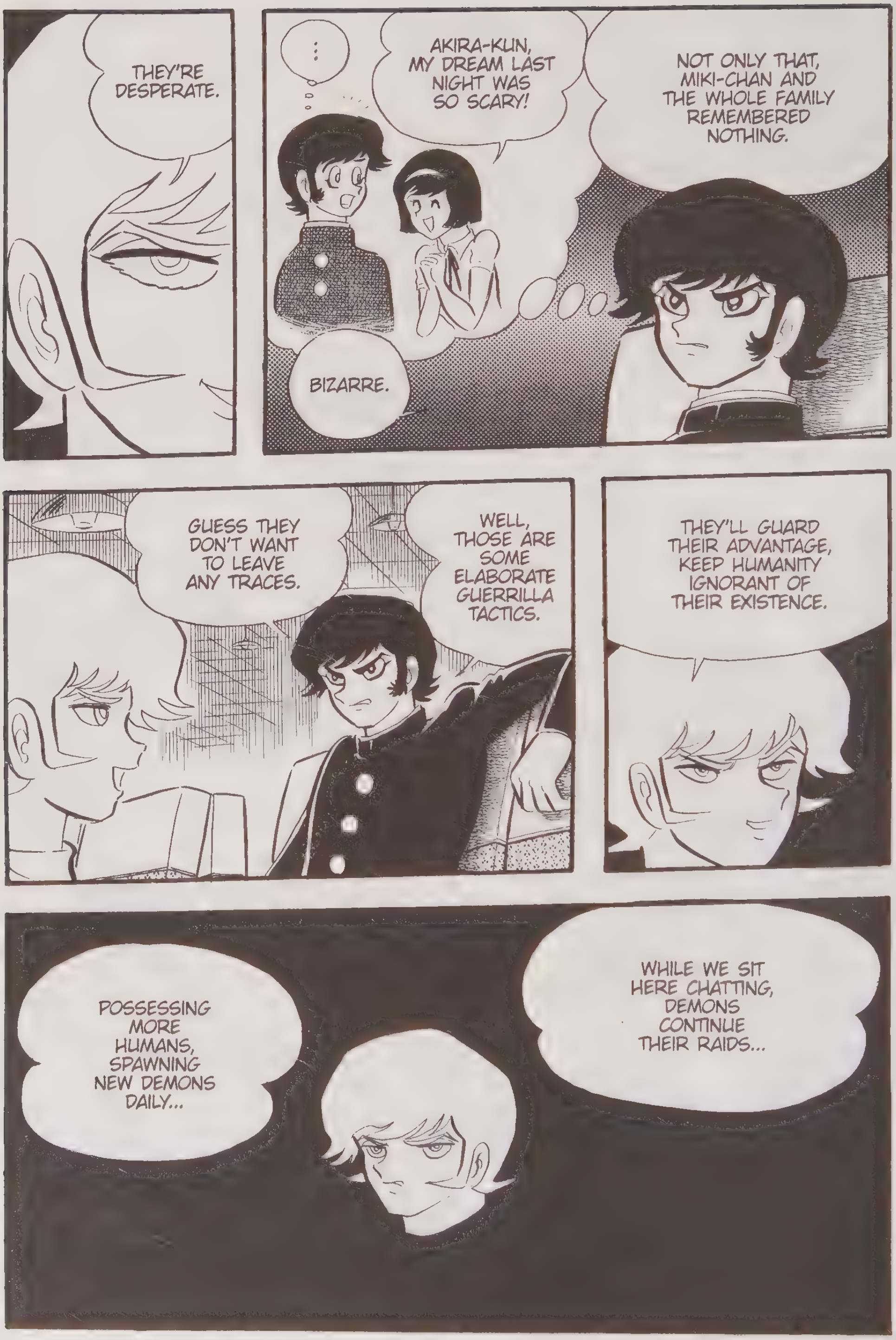

DOES THAT MEAN MY BATTLE IS MEANINGLESS...?
......
COFFEE
Kaoru.
HRMM.
PROBABLY.

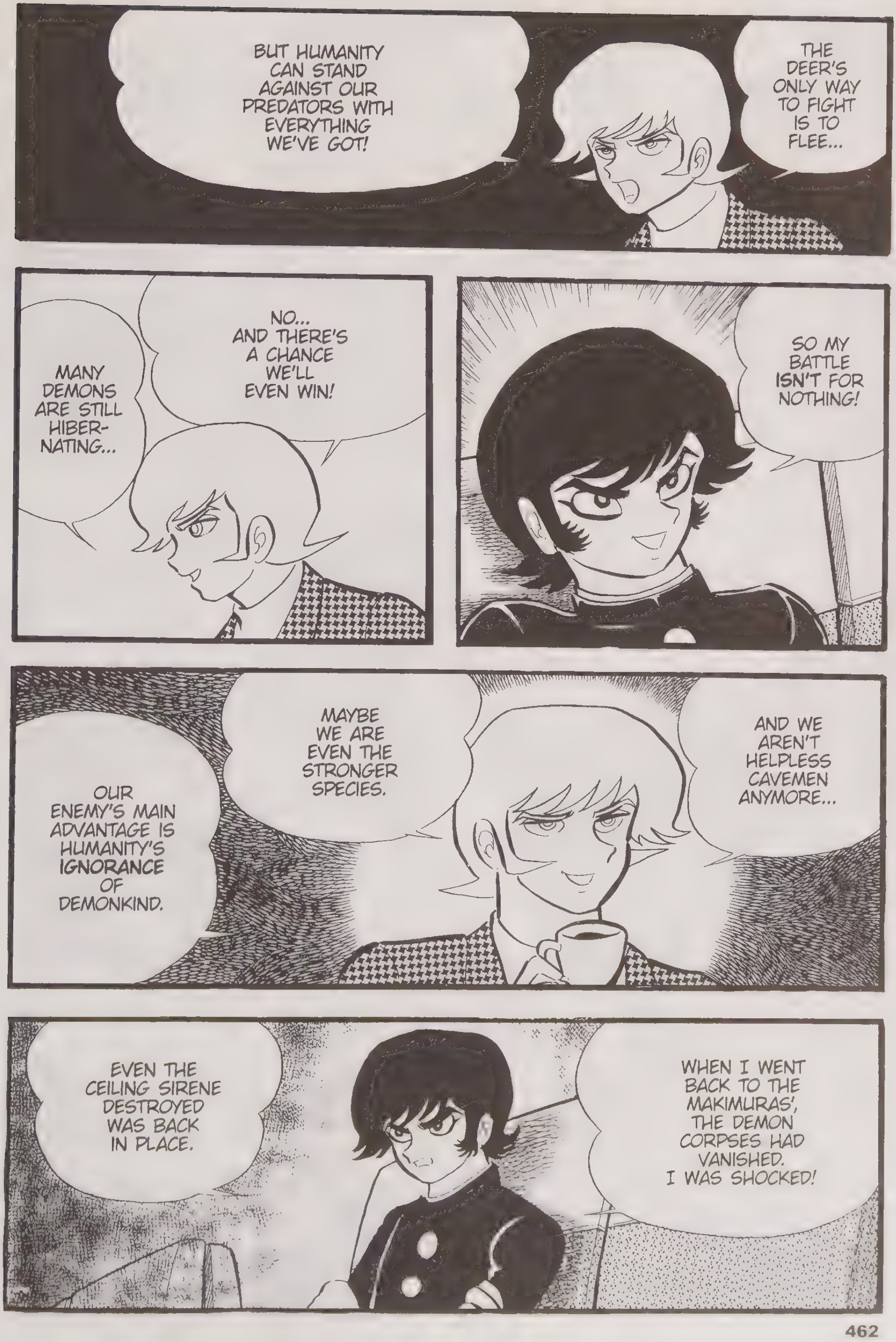

WHY DO THEY BELIEVE THIS?
WHAT DO THEY FEAR LURKING BENEATH THE SHADOW OF THE WEEPING WILLOW?
PERHAPS IN THEIR SUBCONSCIOUS...
ANCESTRAL MEMORIES OF DEMONS LINGER, FROM COUNTLESS MILLENNIA AGO.
GENETICALLY PASSED DOWN FROM PREHISTORIC MAN...
NO WAY. WHY WOULD WE HAVE MEMORIES FROM PREHISTORIC HUMANS?
NO.
THE QUESTION IS, WHY *WOULDN'T* WE?

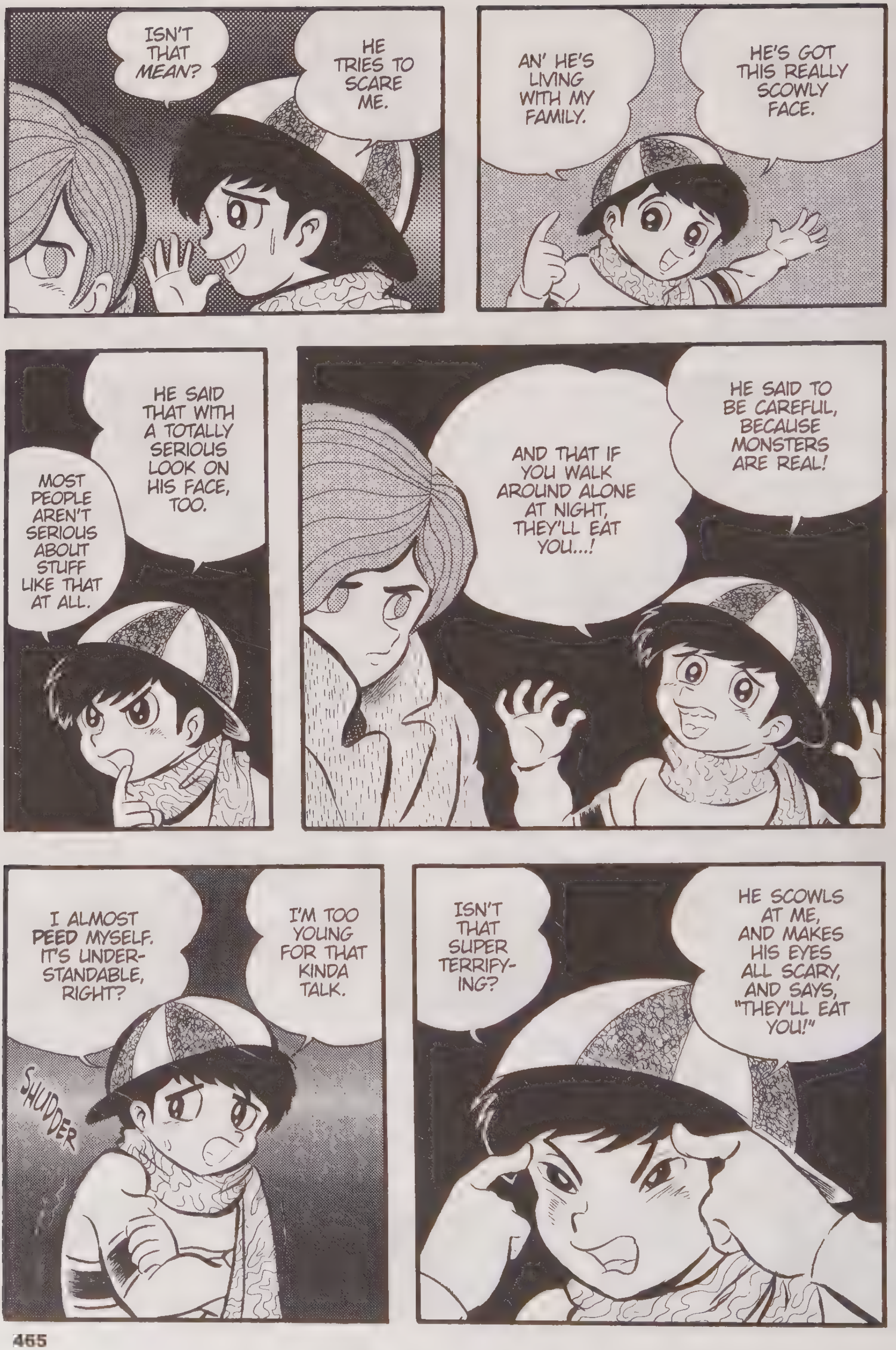

FEAR ...
HUMANS, THIS PLANET'S MOST POWERFUL CREATURES, ARE AFRAID.
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF FEAR.
SOMEHOW THEY KNOW, DEEP IN THEIR HEARTS, THAT THEY'RE HUNTED BY A POWERFUL ENEMY...
THEY'RE ALWAYS AFRAID OF SOMETHING.
WHY?
EVEN CHILDREN FEAR THE DARK.
BECAUSE THEY KNOW SOMETHING TERRIBLE HIDES THERE.
SOMETHING HORRIFIC... SOMETHING AGAINST WHICH THEY CANNOT WIN.

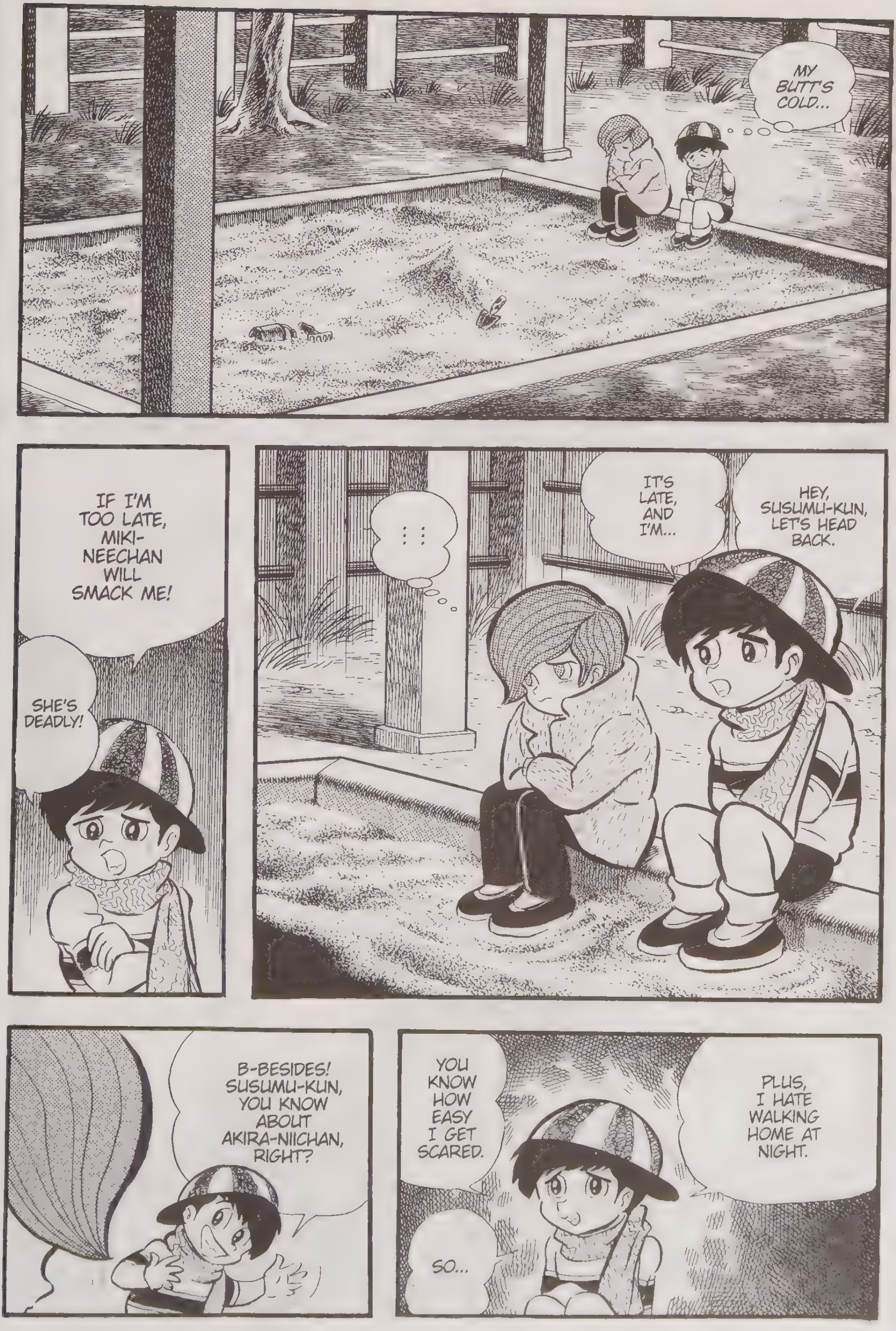

THEN NATURE'S BALANCE SHIFTED.
WITH THE ICE AGE, HUMANITY'S PREDATOR WAS CAGED IN ICE.
LEAVING HUMANS TO SPREAD UNCHECKED ACROSS THE GLOBE.
THANKS TO THAT, NOW OTHER ANIMAL SPECIES HAVE GONE EXTINCT...
SHEESH.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THE RETURN OF DEMONS WILL BRING THE LIVING WORLD BACK INTO BALANCE?
MAYBE SO, BUT...
I'M NOT GOING TO SIT AND WATCH HUMANITY BECOME DEMON FOOD.
YOU'RE RIGHT. WHEN THE LION STALKS THE GAZELLE, IT RUNS.

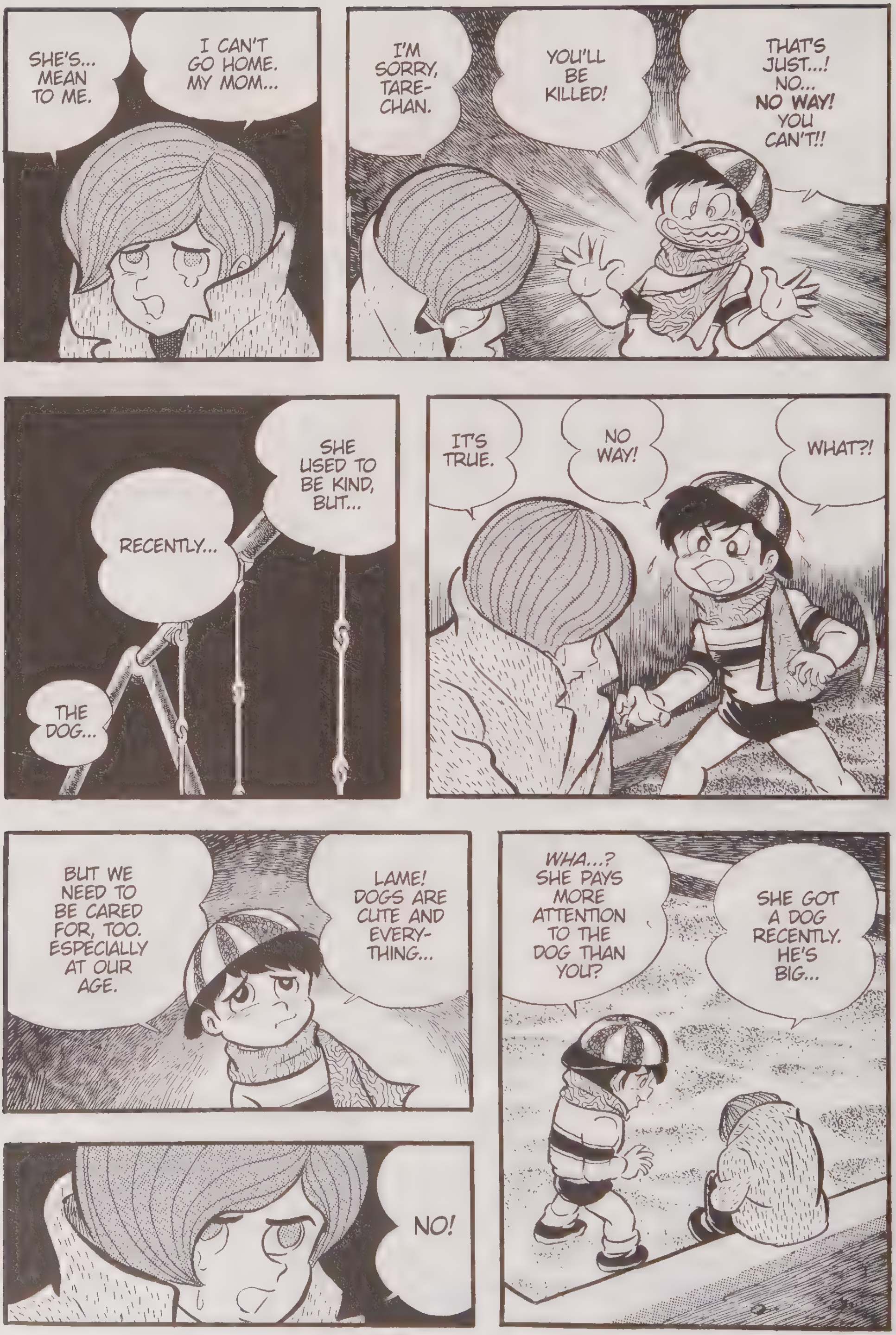

HUMAN CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BORN FROM HUMANS, FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
HAND SHAPE. EYE POSITIONING. IT'S ALL THE SAME.
WHY?
BODIES ARE GENETICALLY INHERITED.
WHY NOT MEMORIES ALSO?
SO HUMAN CIVILIZATION...
WAS DRIVEN BY FEAR OF DEMONS...?
CIVILIZATION AND NATION-BUILDING--MOST DEFINITELY.
FIRST, MEN LIVED ALONE.
BUT THEY FOUND STRENGTH IN FORMING GROUPS.
THESE EXPANDED.
THEY KNEW INSTINCTIVELY THAT WITHOUT UNITY, THEY COULD NEVER DEFEAT DEMONS.

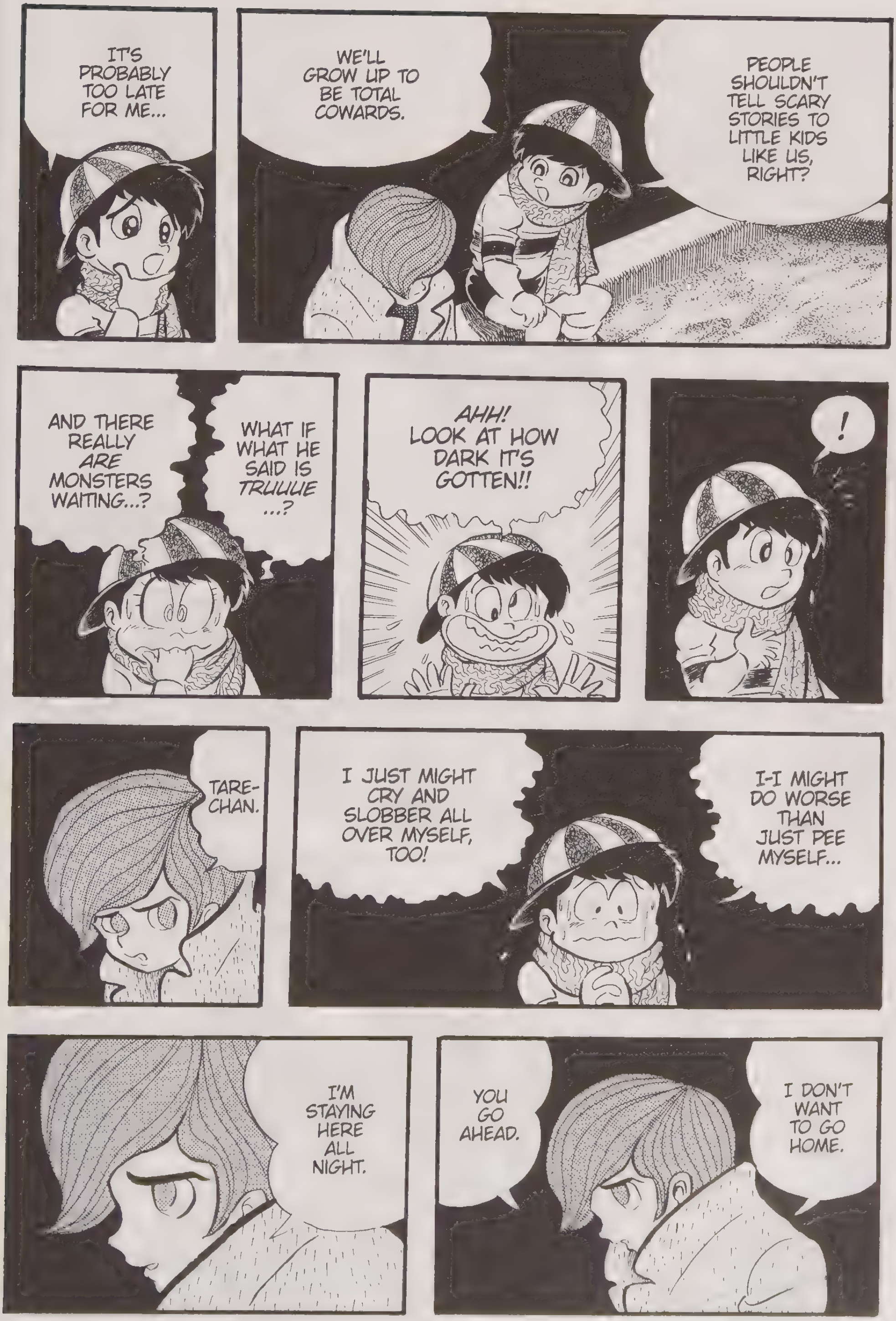

NOT ONLY THAT, MIKI-CHAN AND THE WHOLE FAMILY REMEMBERED NOTHING.
AKIRA-KUN, MY DREAM LAST NIGHT WAS SO SCARY!
...
BIZARRE.
THEY'RE DESPERATE.
THEY'LL GUARD THEIR ADVANTAGE, KEEP HUMANITY IGNORANT OF THEIR EXISTENCE.
WELL, THOSE ARE SOME ELABORATE GUERRILLA TACTICS.
GUESS THEY DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANY TRACES.
WHILE WE SIT HERE CHATTING, DEMONS CONTINUE THEIR RAIDS...
POSSESSING MORE HUMANS, SPAWNING NEW DEMONS DAILY...

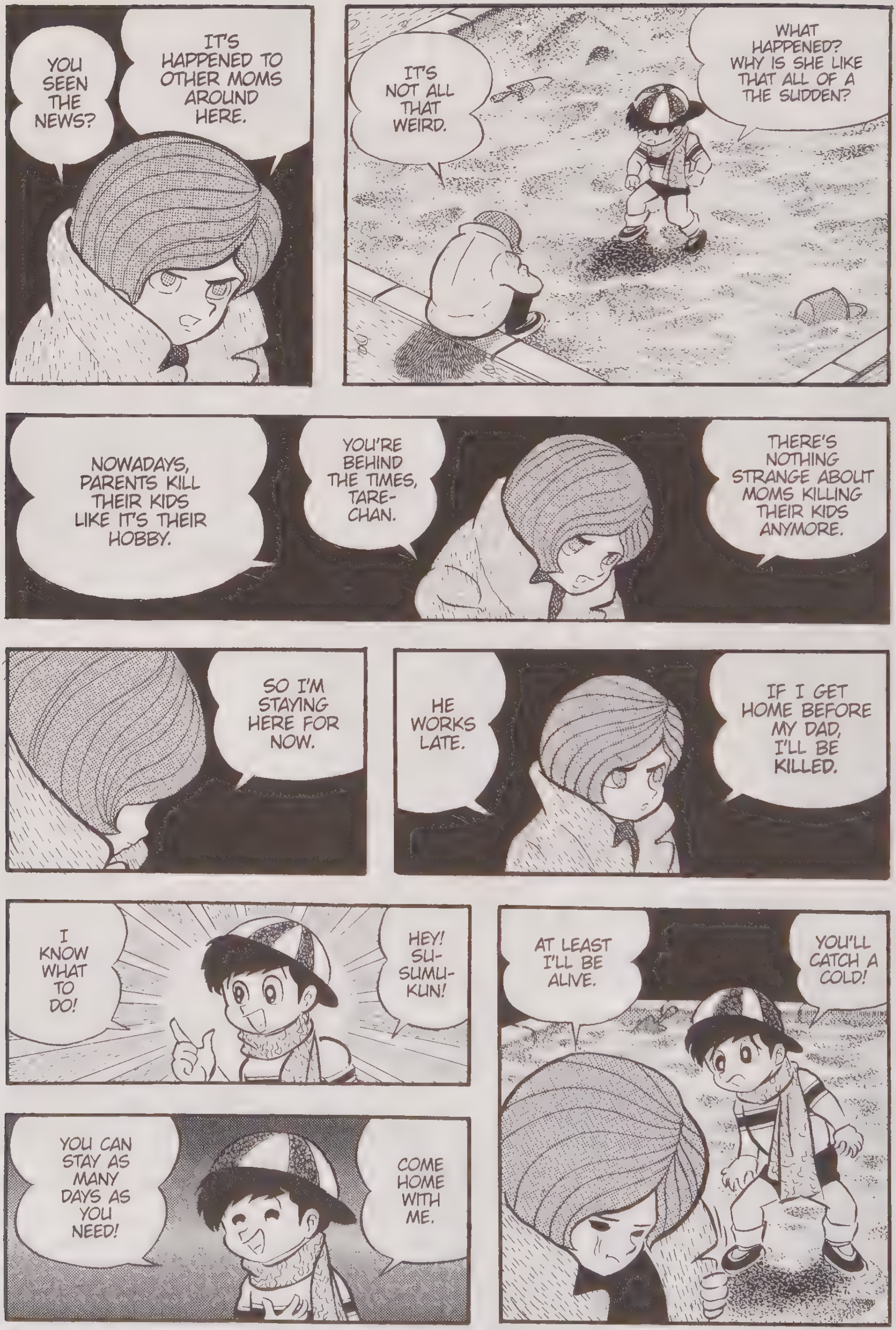

THE DEER'S ONLY WAY TO FIGHT IS TO FLEE...
BUT HUMANITY CAN STAND AGAINST OUR PREDATORS WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!
SO MY BATTLE **ISN'T** FOR NOTHING!
NO... AND THERE'S A CHANCE WE'LL EVEN WIN!
MANY DEMONS ARE STILL HIBERNATING...
AND WE AREN'T HELPLESS CAVEMEN ANYMORE...
MAYBE WE ARE EVEN THE STRONGER SPECIES.
OUR ENEMY'S MAIN ADVANTAGE IS HUMANITY'S **IGNORANCE** OF DEMONKIND.
WHEN I WENT BACK TO THE MAKIMURAS', THE DEMON CORPSES HAD VANISHED. I WAS SHOCKED!
EVEN THE CEILING SIRENE DESTROYED WAS BACK IN PLACE.

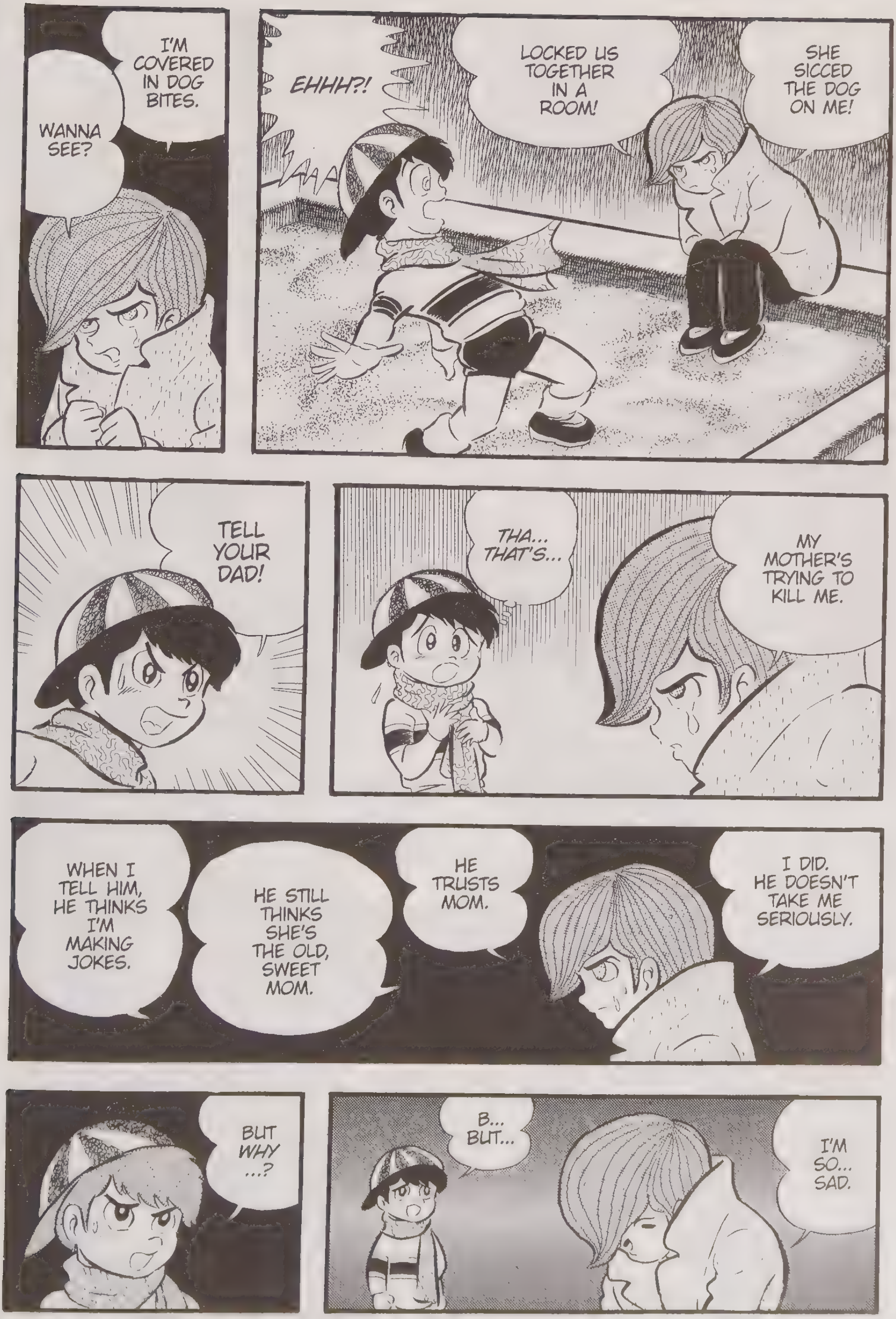

HE'S GOT THIS REALLY SCOWLY FACE.
AN' HE'S LIVING WITH MY FAMILY.
HE TRIES TO SCARE ME.
ISN'T THAT *MEAN?*
HE SAID TO BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE MONSTERS ARE REAL!
AND THAT IF YOU WALK AROUND ALONE AT NIGHT, THEY'LL EAT YOU...!
HE SAID THAT WITH A TOTALLY SERIOUS LOOK ON HIS FACE, TOO.
MOST PEOPLE AREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT AT ALL.
HE SCOWLS AT ME, AND MAKES HIS EYES ALL SCARY, AND SAYS, "THEY'LL EAT YOU!"
ISN'T THAT SUPER TERRIFYING?
I'M TOO YOUNG FOR THAT KINDA TALK.
I ALMOST PEED MYSELF. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE, RIGHT?
SHUDDER

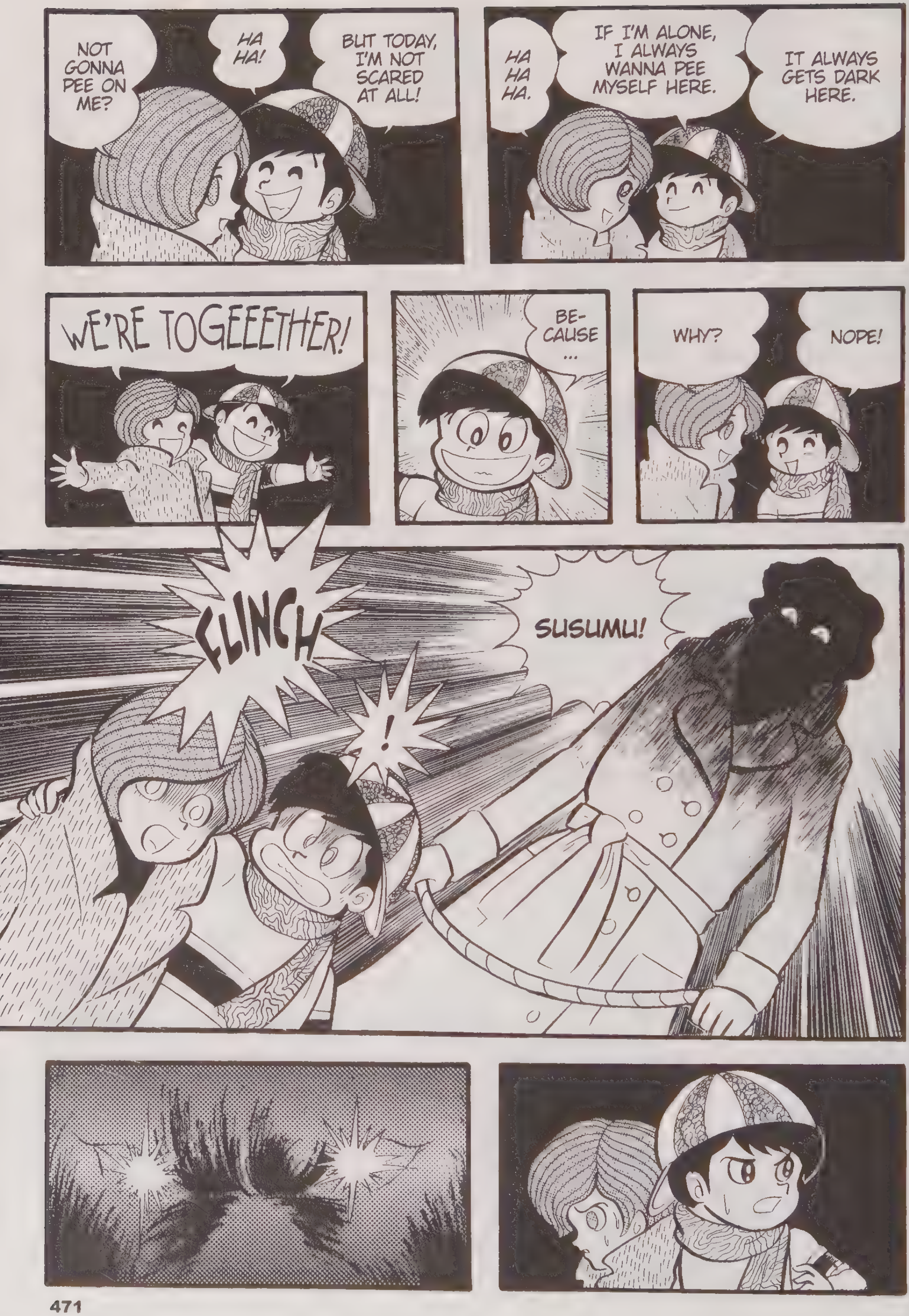

MY BUTT'S COLD...
HEY, SUSUMU-KUN, LET'S HEAD BACK.
IT'S LATE, AND I'M...
: :
IF I'M TOO LATE, MIKI-NEECHAN WILL SMACK ME!
SHE'S DEADLY!
PLUS, I HATE WALKING HOME AT NIGHT.
YOU KNOW HOW EASY I GET SCARED.
SO...
B-BESIDES! SUSUMU-KUN, YOU KNOW ABOUT AKIRA-NIICHAN, RIGHT?

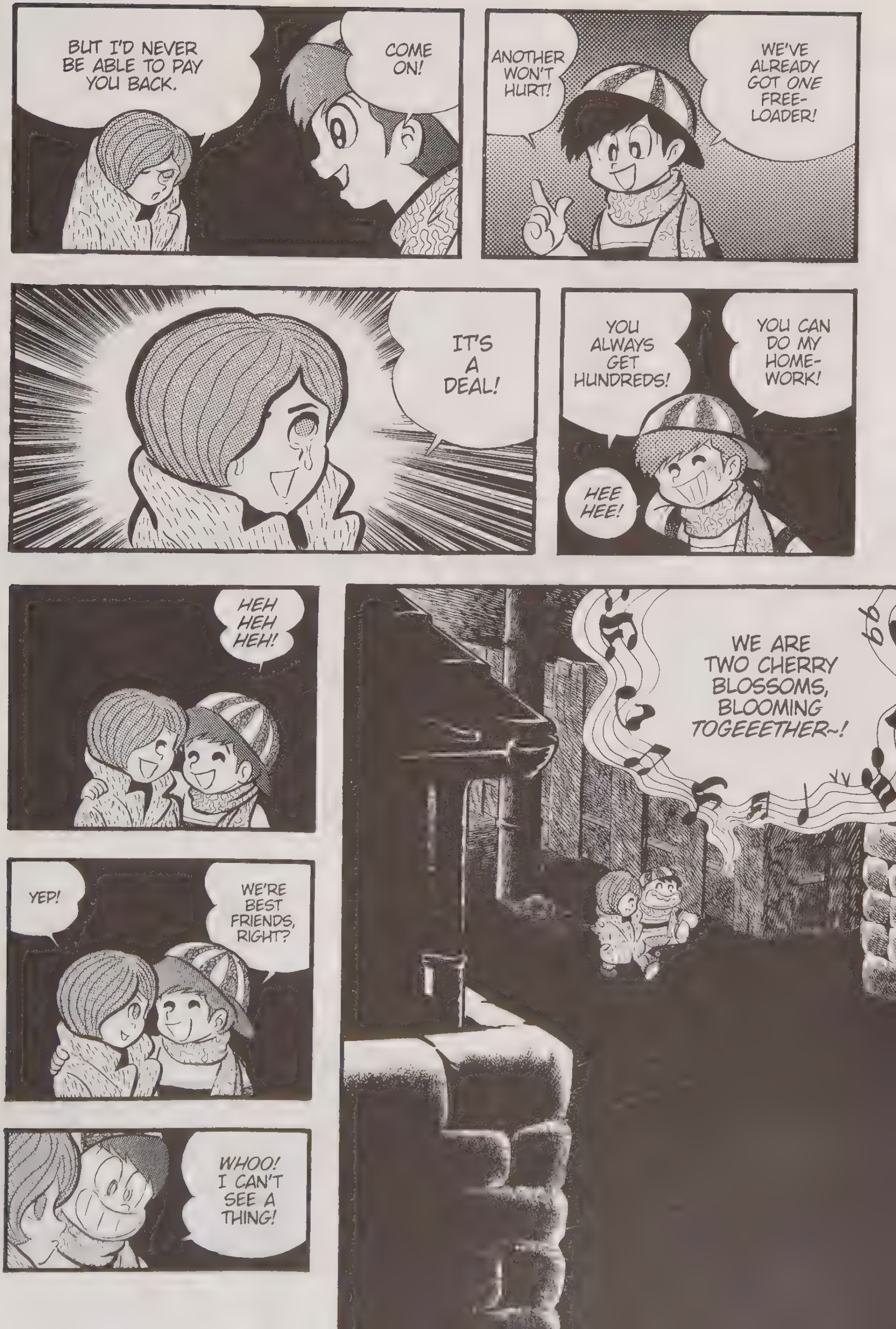

THAT'S JUST...! NO... NO WAY! YOU CAN'T!!
YOU'LL BE KILLED!
I'M SORRY, TARE-CHAN.
I CAN'T GO HOME. MY MOM...
SHE'S... MEAN TO ME.
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
IT'S TRUE.
SHE USED TO BE KIND, BUT...
RECENTLY...
THE DOG...
SHE GOT A DOG RECENTLY. HE'S BIG...
WHA...? SHE PAYS MORE ATTENTION TO THE DOG THAN YOU?
LAME! DOGS ARE CUTE AND EVERYTHING...
BUT WE NEED TO BE CARED FOR, TOO. ESPECIALLY AT OUR AGE.
NO!

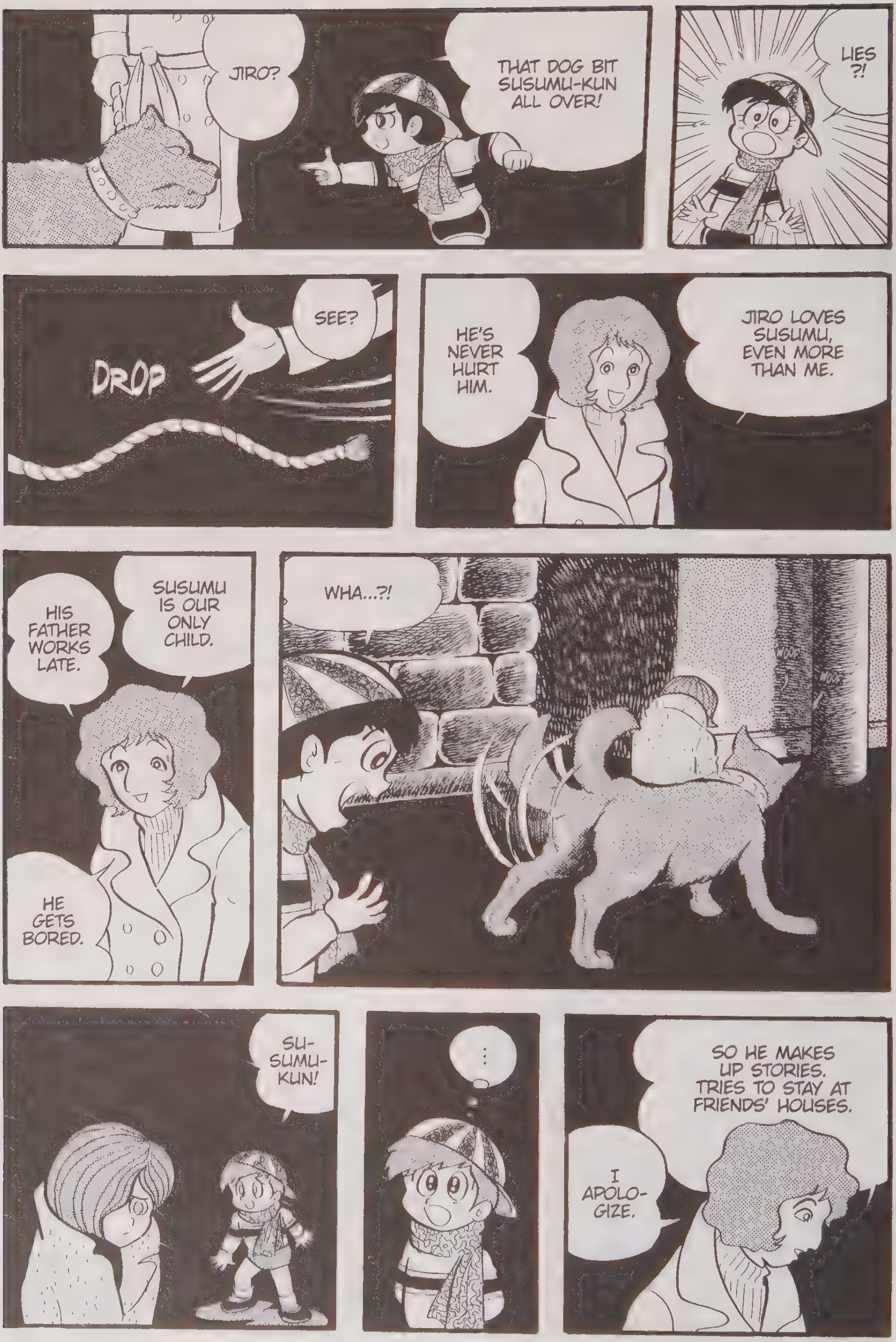

PEOPLE SHOULDN'T TELL SCARY STORIES TO LITTLE KIDS LIKE US, RIGHT?
WE'LL GROW UP TO BE TOTAL COWARDS.
IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR ME...
!
AHH! LOOK AT HOW DARK IT'S GOTTEN!!
WHAT IF WHAT HE SAID IS *TRUUUE* ...?
AND THERE REALLY *ARE* MONSTERS WAITING...?
I-I MIGHT DO WORSE THAN JUST PEE MYSELF...
I JUST MIGHT CRY AND SLOBBER ALL OVER MYSELF, TOO!
TARE-CHAN.
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
YOU GO AHEAD.
I'M STAYING HERE ALL NIGHT.

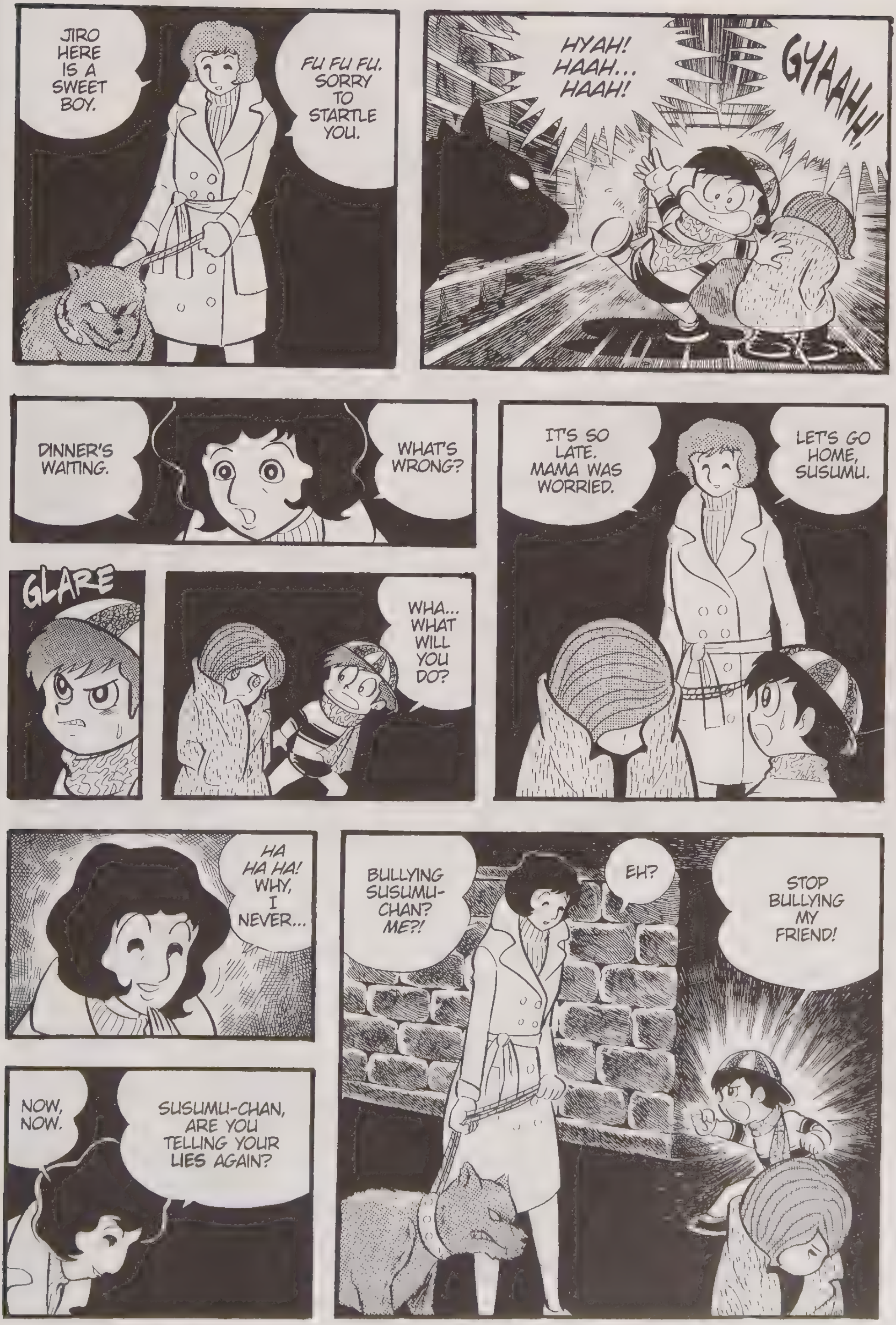

WHAT HAPPENED? WHY IS SHE LIKE THAT ALL OF A THE SUDDEN?
IT'S NOT ALL THAT WEIRD.
IT'S HAPPENED TO OTHER MOMS AROUND HERE.
YOU SEEN THE NEWS?
THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT MOMS KILLING THEIR KIDS ANYMORE.
YOU'RE BEHIND THE TIMES, TARE-CHAN.
NOWADAYS, PARENTS KILL THEIR KIDS LIKE IT'S THEIR HOBBY.
IF I GET HOME BEFORE MY DAD, I'LL BE KILLED.
HE WORKS LATE.
SO I'M STAYING HERE FOR NOW.
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
AT LEAST I'LL BE ALIVE.
HEY! SUSUMU-KUN!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO!
COME HOME WITH ME.
YOU CAN STAY AS MANY DAYS AS YOU NEED!

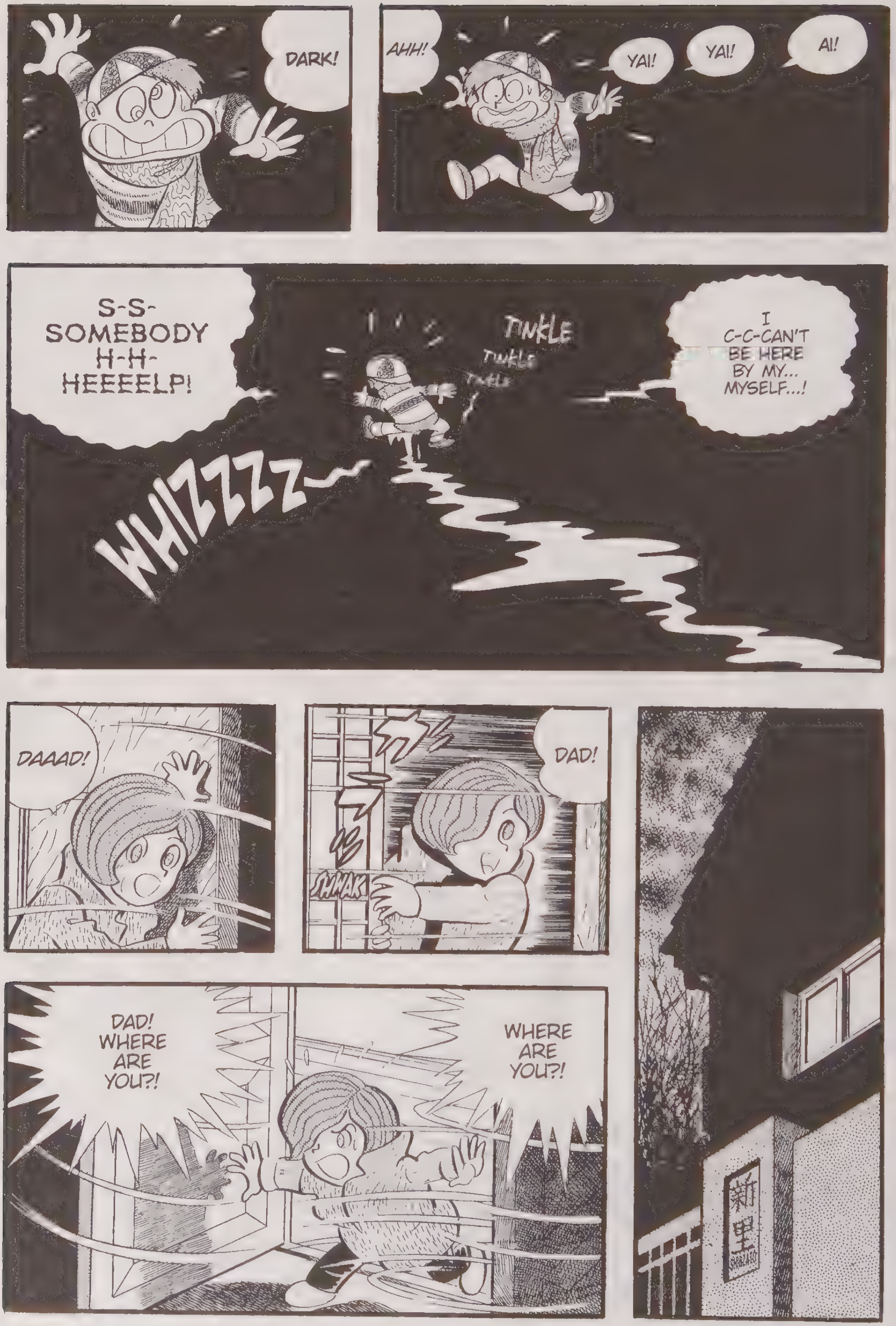

SHE SICCED THE DOG ON ME!
LOCKED US TOGETHER IN A ROOM!
EHHH?!
I'M COVERED IN DOG BITES.
WANNA SEE?
MY MOTHER'S TRYING TO KILL ME.
THA... THAT'S...
TELL YOUR DAD!
I DID. HE DOESN'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY.
HE TRUSTS MOM.
HE STILL THINKS SHE'S THE OLD, SWEET MOM.
WHEN I TELL HIM, HE THINKS I'M MAKING JOKES.
I'M SO... SAD.
B... BUT...
BUT WHY ...?

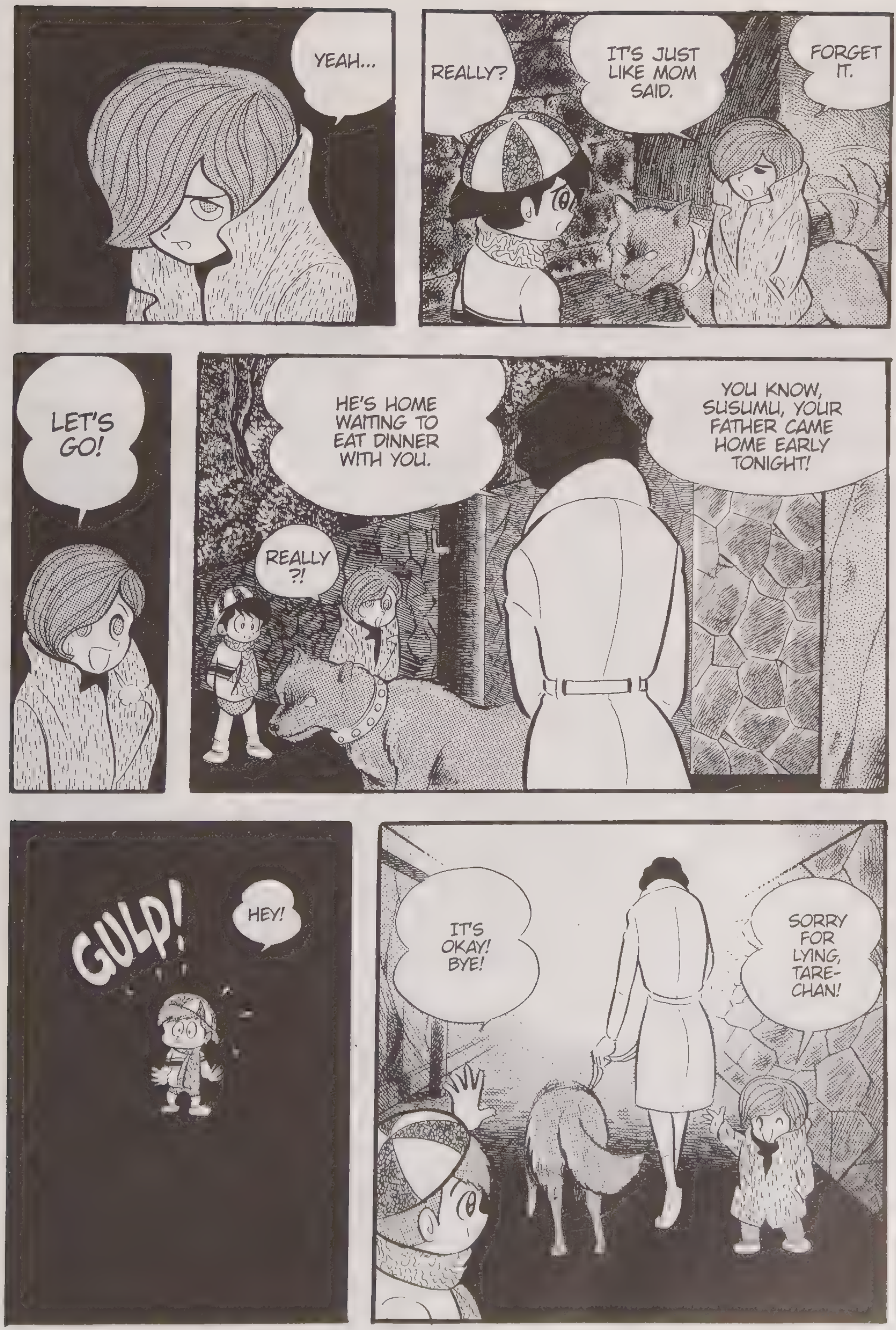

IT ALWAYS GETS DARK HERE.
IF I'M ALONE, I ALWAYS WANNA PEE MYSELF HERE.
HA HA HA.
BUT TODAY, I'M NOT SCARED AT ALL!
HA HA!
NOT GONNA PEE ON ME?
NOPE!
WHY?
BE-CAUSE...
WE'RE TOGEEEETHER!
SUSUMU!
FLINCH
!

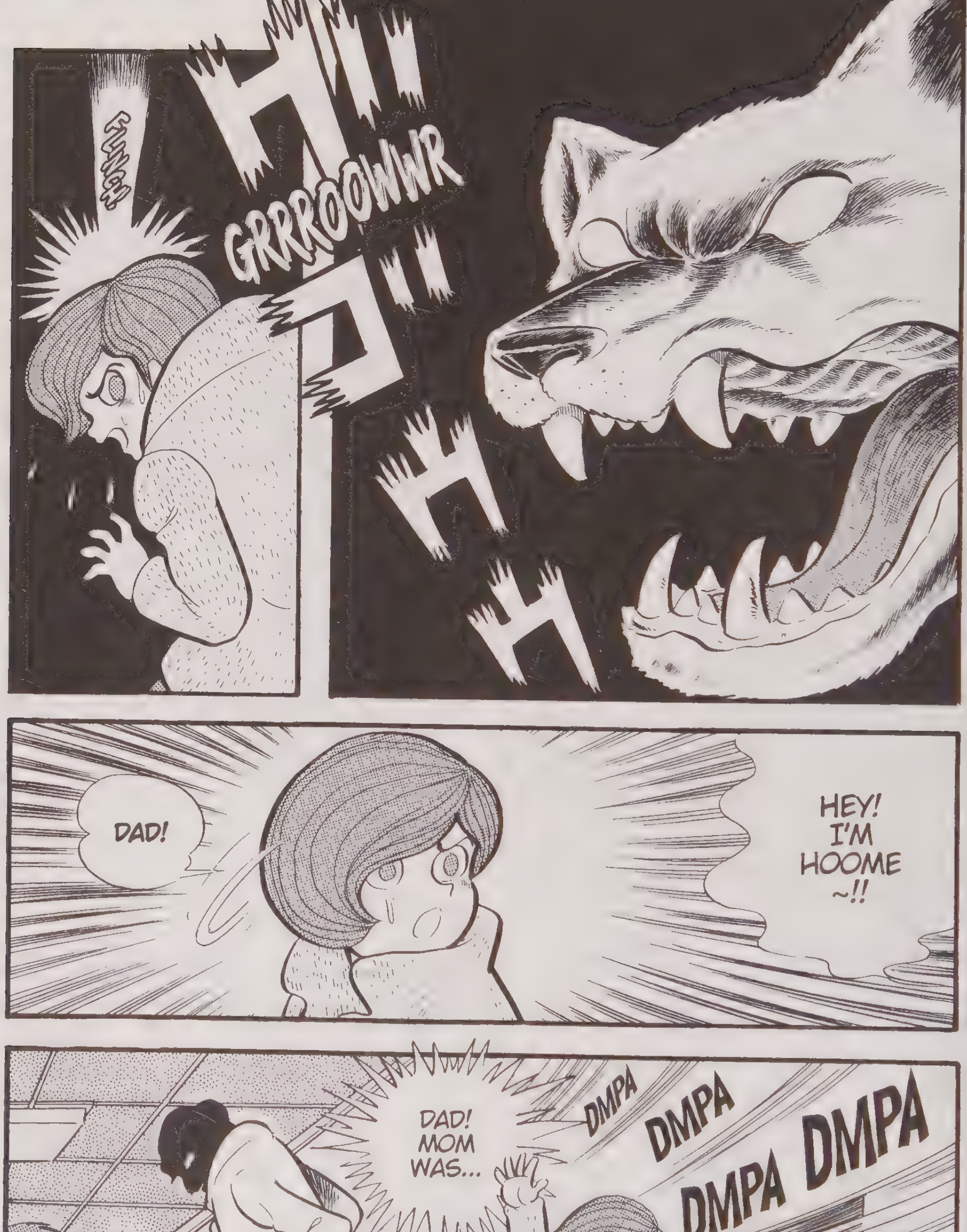

WE'VE ALREADY GOT ONE FREE-LOADER!
ANOTHER WON'T HURT!
COME ON!
BUT I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO PAY YOU BACK.
YOU CAN DO MY HOME-WORK!
YOU ALWAYS GET HUNDREDS!
HEE HEE!
IT'S A DEAL!
HEH HEH HEH!
WE'RE BEST FRIENDS, RIGHT?
YEP!
WHOO! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
WE ARE TWO CHERRY BLOSSOMS, BLOOMING TOGEEETHER~!

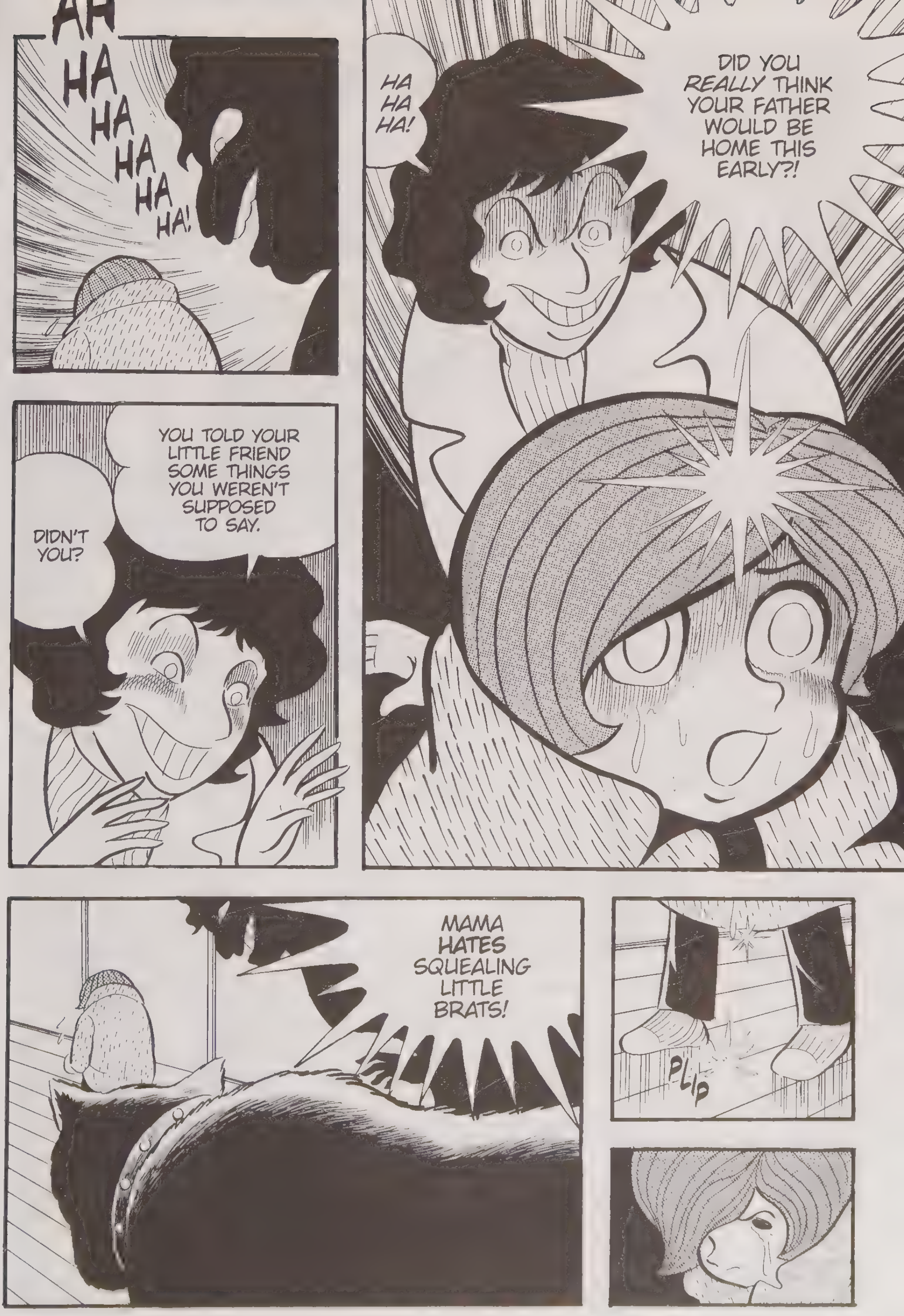

JIRO?
THAT DOG BIT SUSUMU-KUN ALL OVER!
LIES ?!
SEE?
DROP
JIRO LOVES SUSUMU, EVEN MORE THAN ME.
HE'S NEVER HURT HIM.
SUSUMU IS OUR ONLY CHILD.
HIS FATHER WORKS LATE.
HE GETS BORED.
WHA...?!
WOOF
WOOF
SU-SUMU-KUN!
...
SO HE MAKES UP STORIES. TRIES TO STAY AT FRIENDS' HOUSES.
I APOLO-GIZE.

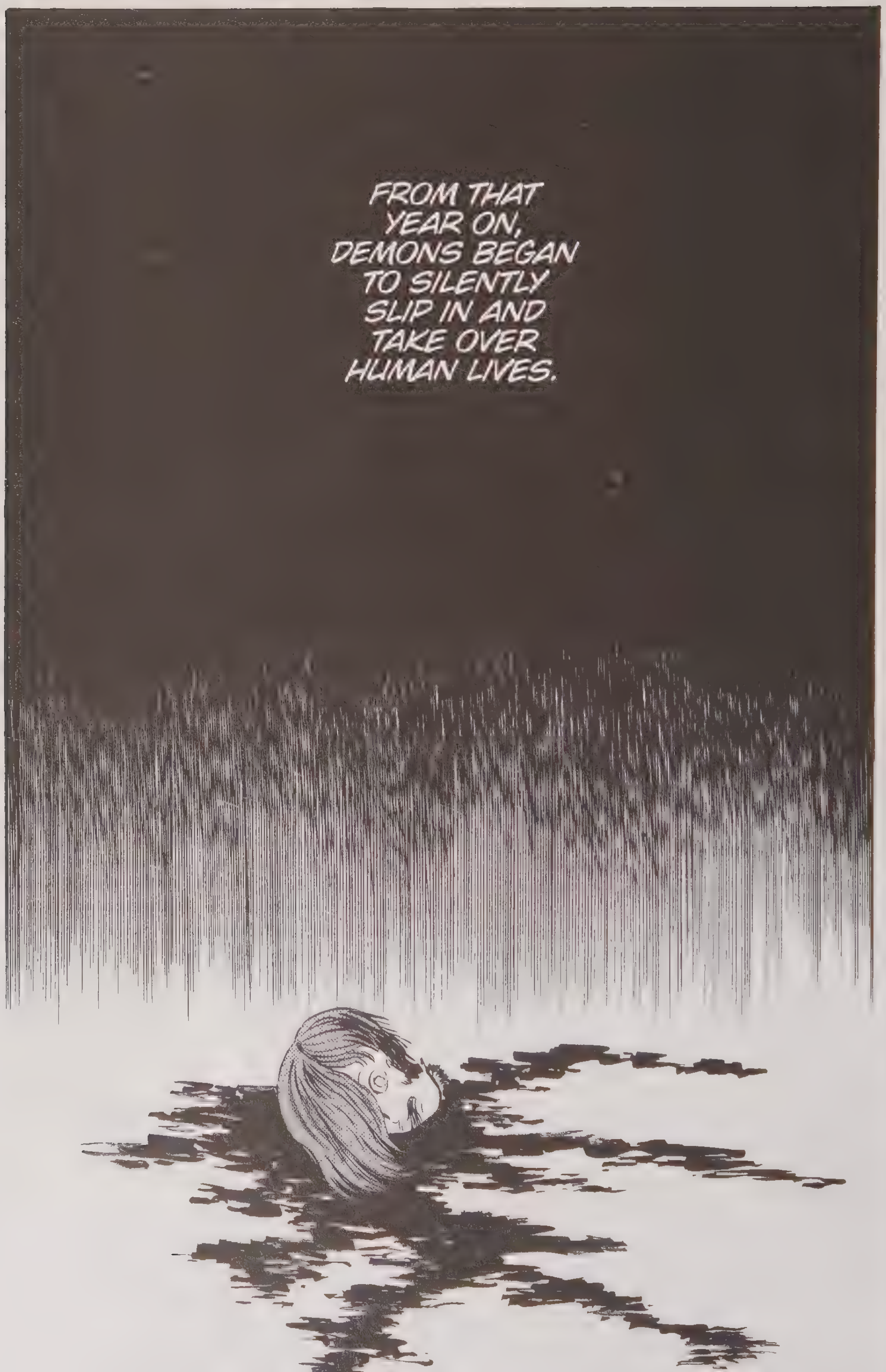

HYAH! HAAH... HAAH!
GYAAHH!
FU FU FU. SORRY TO STARTLE YOU.
JIRO HERE IS A SWEET BOY.
LET'S GO HOME, SUSUMU.
IT'S SO LATE. MAMA WAS WORRIED.
WHAT'S WRONG?
DINNER'S WAITING.
WHA... WHAT WILL YOU DO?
GLARE
STOP BULLYING MY FRIEND!
EH?
BULLYING SUSUMU-CHAN? ME?!
HA HA HA! WHY, I NEVER...
SUSUMU-CHAN, ARE YOU TELLING YOUR LIES AGAIN?
NOW, NOW.

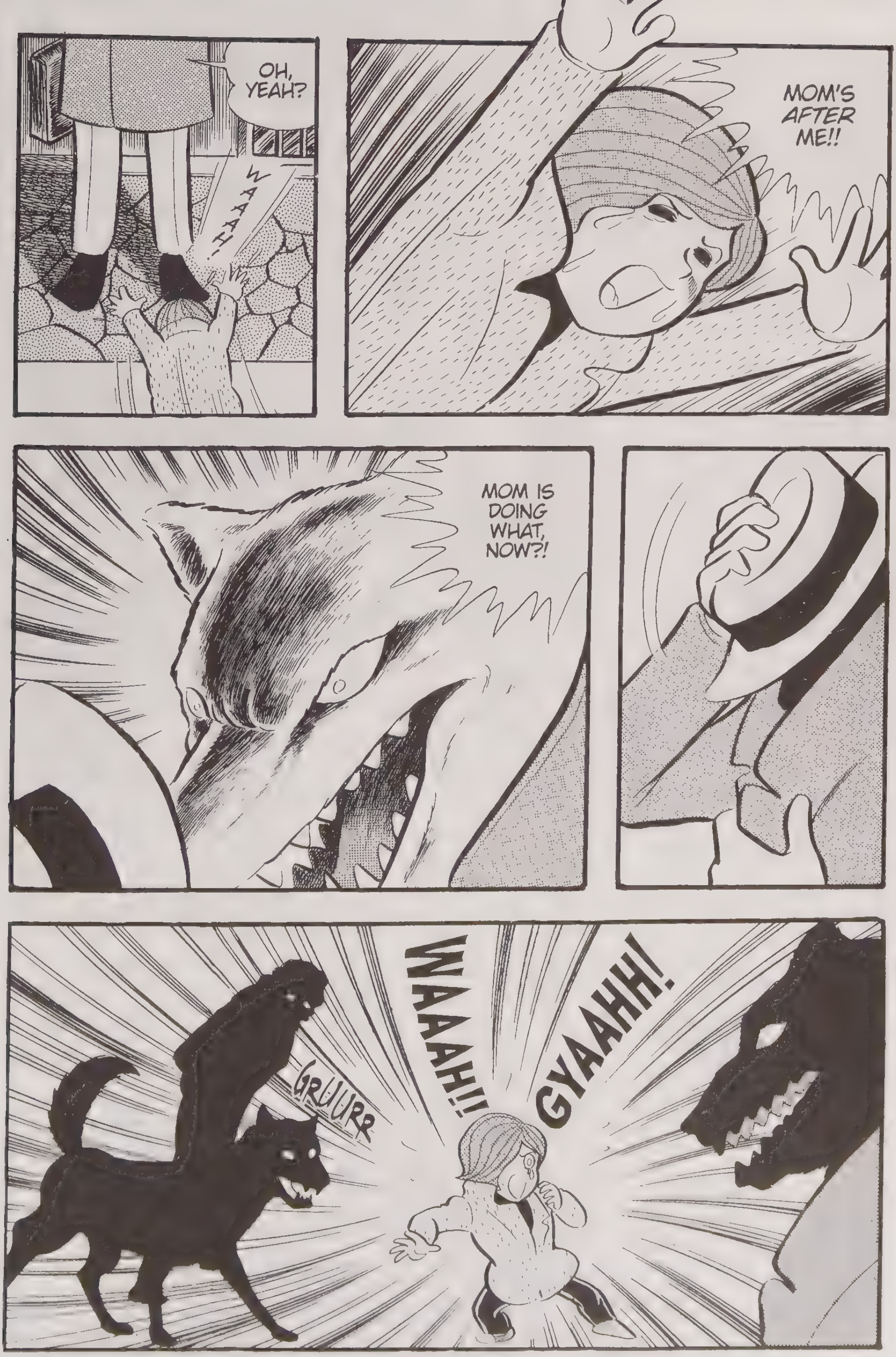

DARK!
AHH!
YAI!
YAI!
AI!
S-S- SOMEBODY H-H- HEEEEELP!
TINKLE
TINKLE
TINKLE
I C-C-CAN'T BE HERE BY MY... MYSELF...!
WHIZZZZZ
DAAAD!
SHWAK
DAD!
新里
SHINZATO
DAD! WHERE ARE YOU?!
WHERE ARE YOU?!


YEAH...
REALLY?
IT'S JUST LIKE MOM SAID.
FORGET IT.
LET'S GO!
YOU KNOW, SUSUMU, YOUR FATHER CAME HOME EARLY TONIGHT!
HE'S HOME WAITING TO EAT DINNER WITH YOU.
REALLY ?!
GULP!
HEY!
SORRY FOR LYING, TARE-CHAN!
IT'S OKAY! BYE!

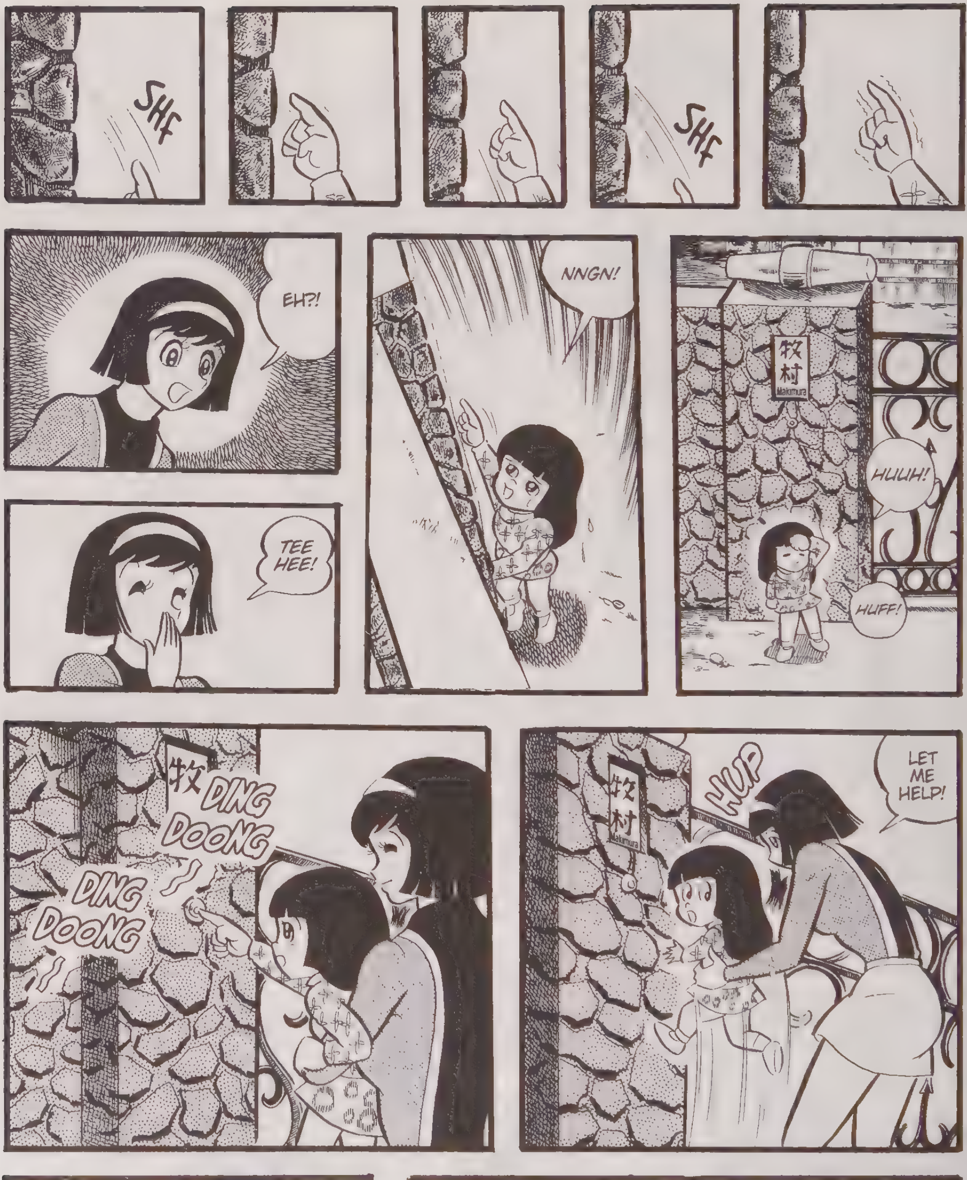

GRRROOWWR
FLINCH
HEY! I'M HOOME ~!!
DAD!
DMPA DMPA DMPA DMPA
DAD! MOM WAS...


AH HA HA HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOUR FATHER WOULD BE HOME THIS EARLY?!
YOU TOLD YOUR LITTLE FRIEND SOME THINGS YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO SAY.
DIDN'T YOU?
MAMA HATES SQUEALING LITTLE BRATS!
PLIP

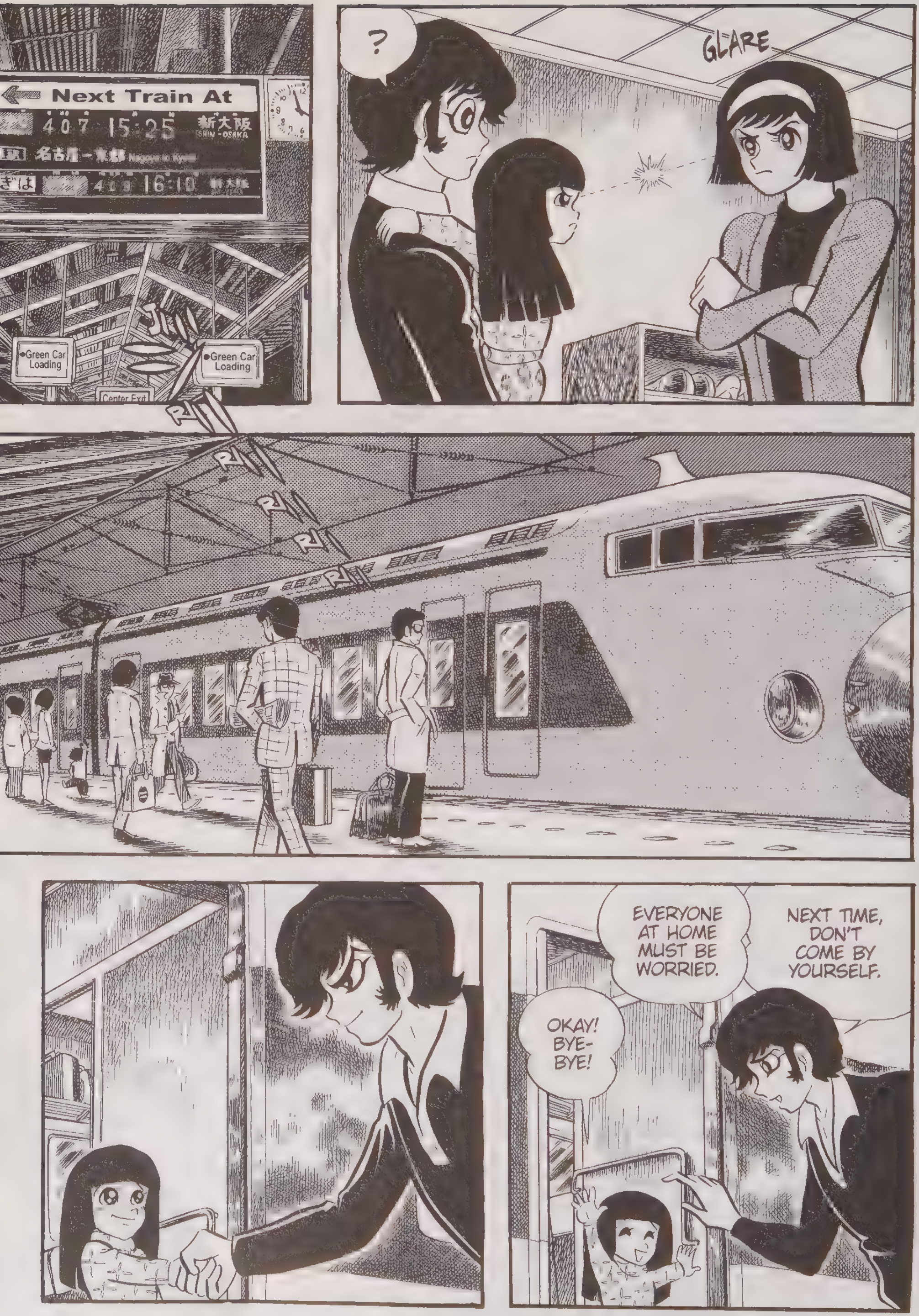

FROM THAT YEAR ON, DEMONS BEGAN TO SILENTLY SLIP IN AND TAKE OVER HUMAN LIVES.


OH, YEAH?
WAAAAH!
MOM'S AFTER ME!!
MOM IS DOING WHAT, NOW?!
GRUURR
WAAAH!!
GYAAHH!

DEVILMAN


SHF
SHF
EH?!
TEE HEE!
NNGN!
牧村
Makimura
HUUH!
HUFF!
牧
DING DOONG
DING DOONG
牧村
Makimura
HUP
LET ME HELP!
THIS IS MY HOUSE.
?
MAY I HELP YOU?
YES?

Chapter 5:
The Terror of Jinmen


?
GLARE
Next Train At
407 15:25 新大阪 SHIN-OSAKA
名古屋－京都 Nagoya to Kyoto
ぎは 16:10
Green Car Loading
Green Car Loading
Center Exit
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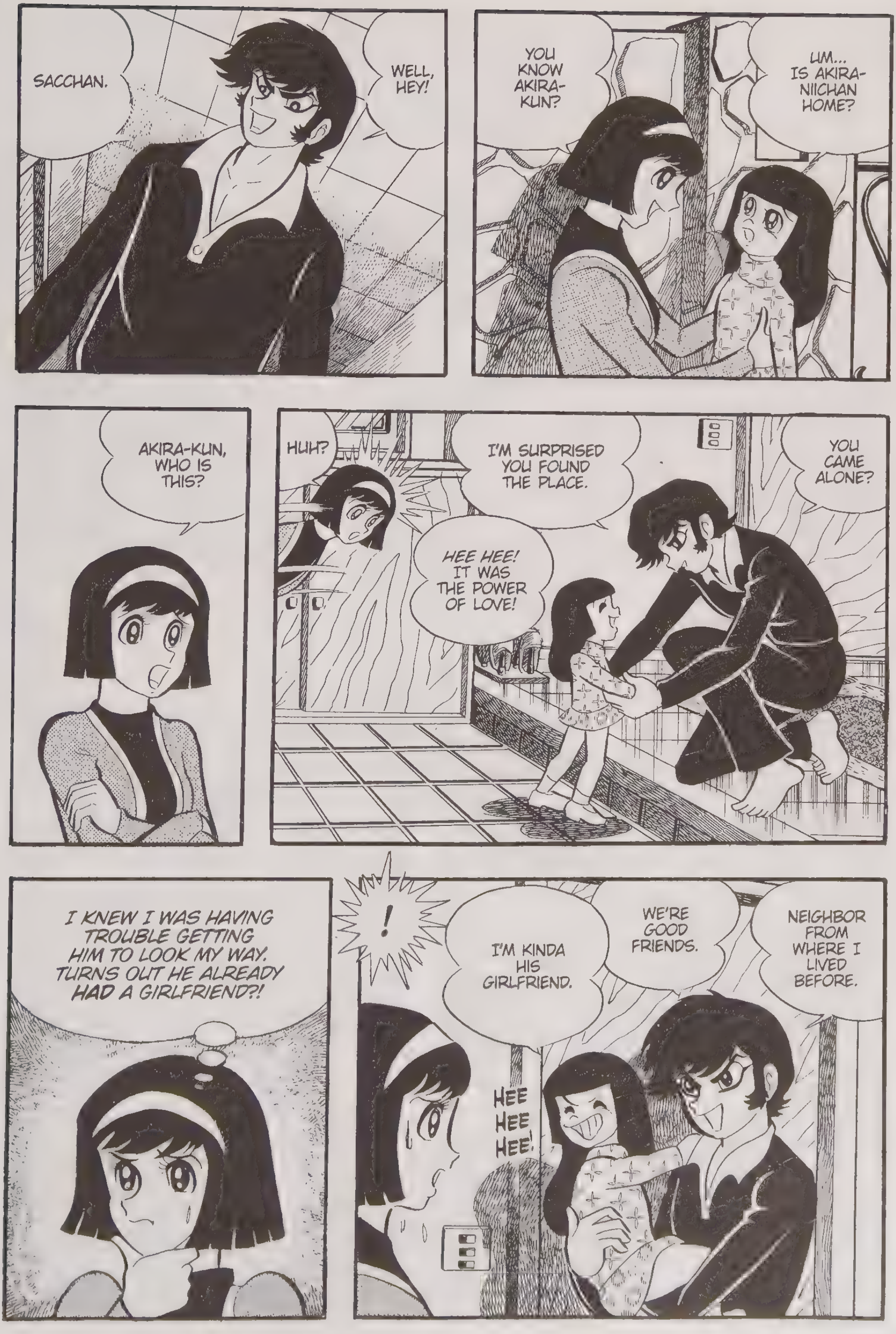
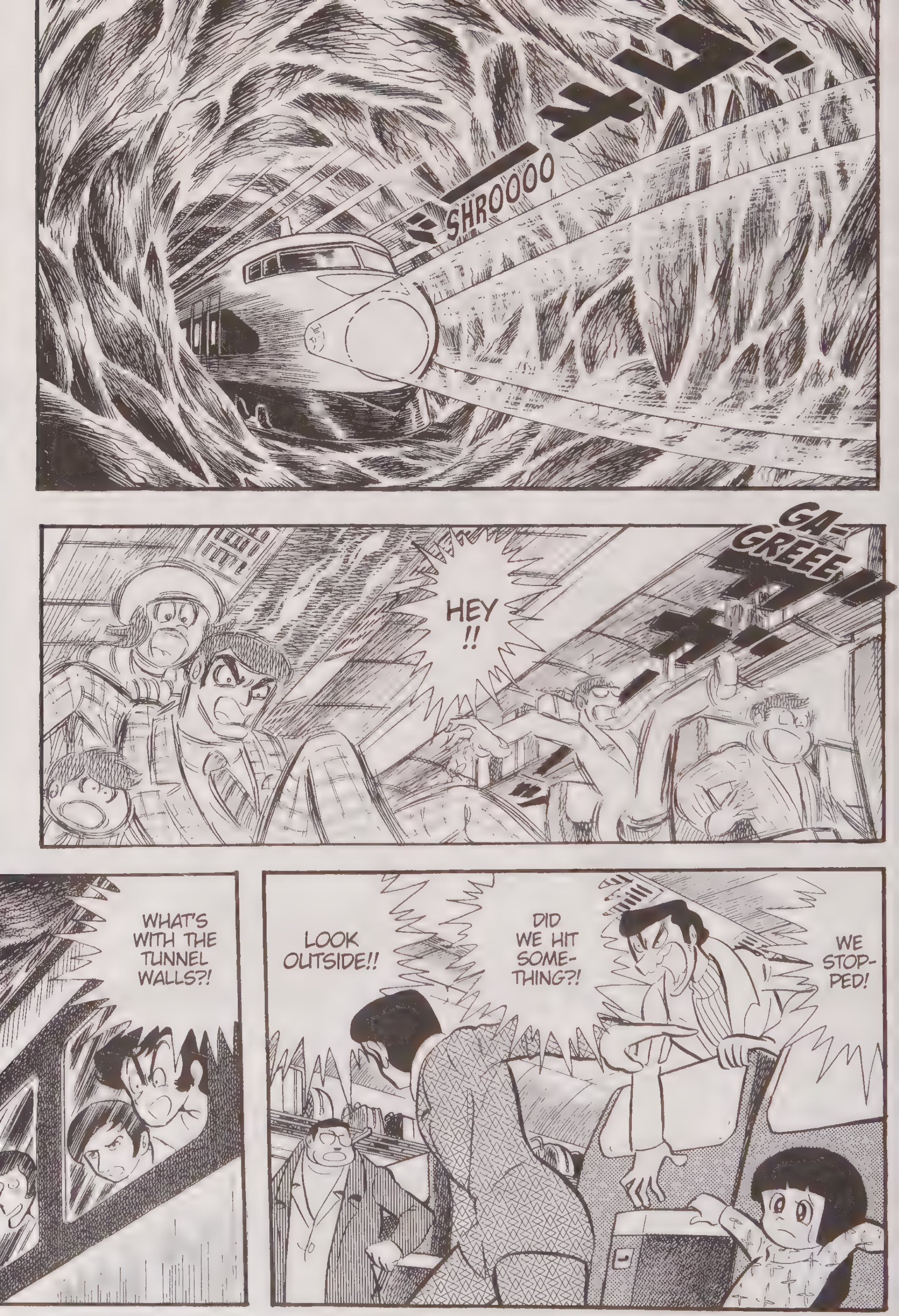
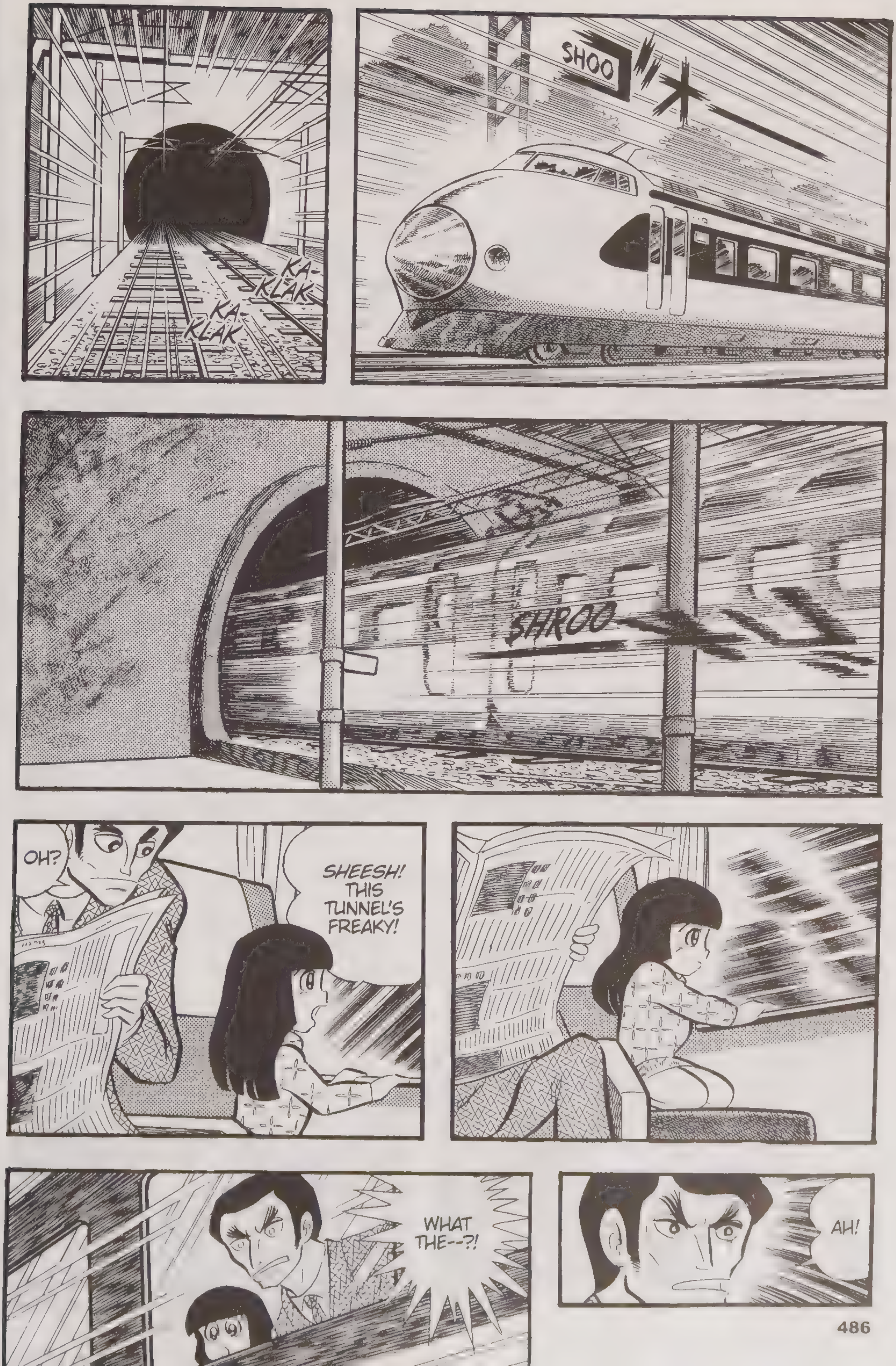
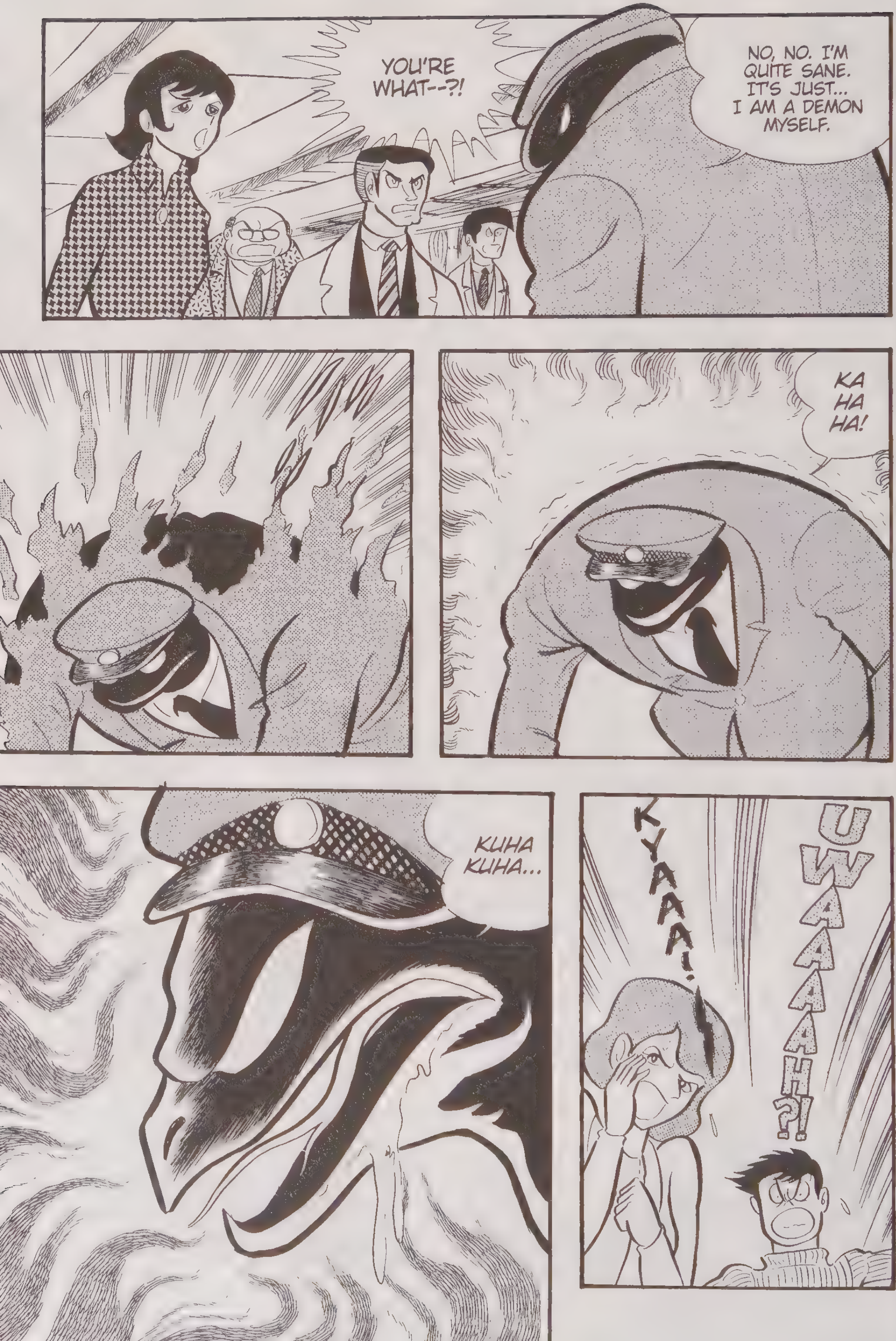
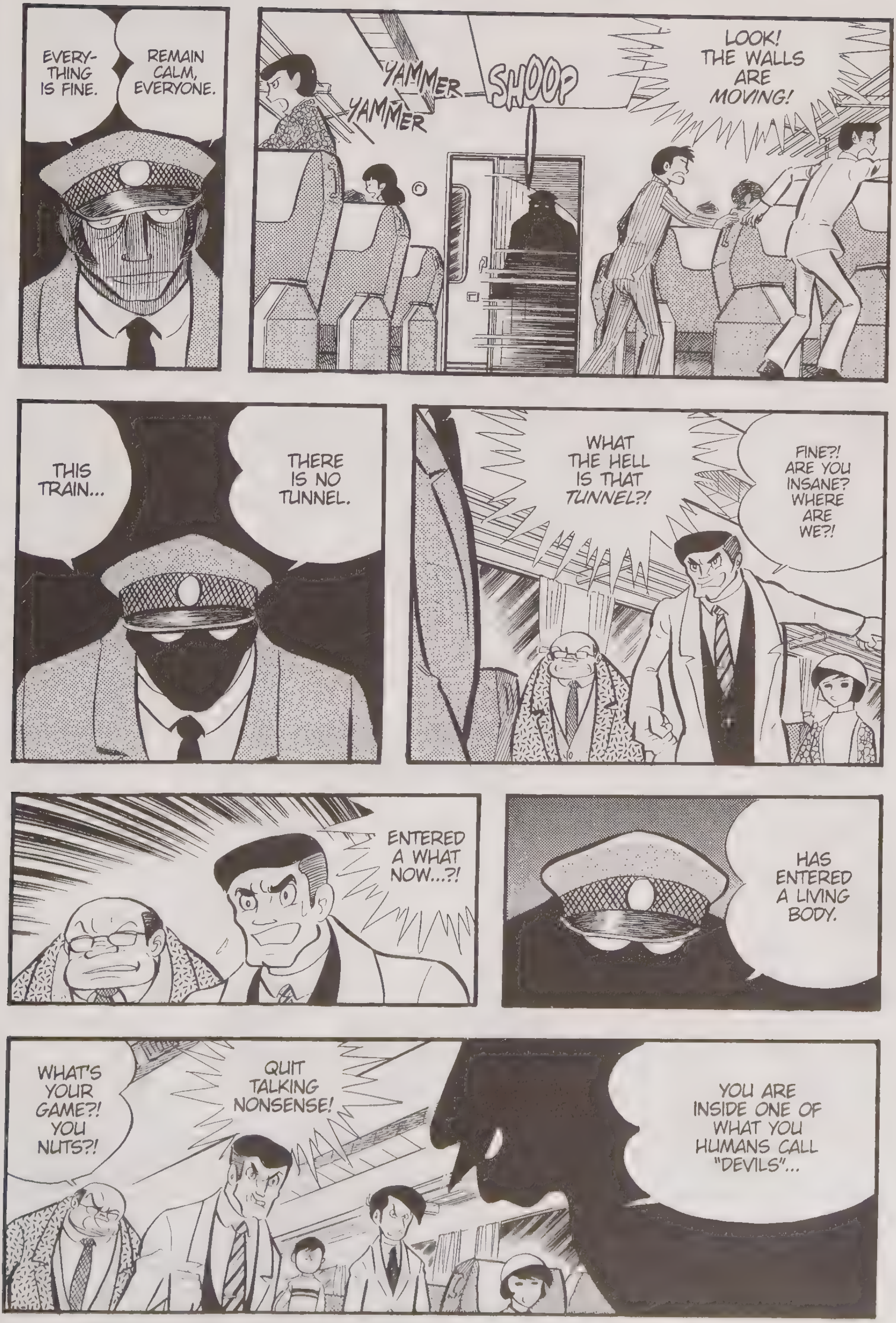
NEXT TIME, DON'T COME BY YOURSELF.
EVERYONE AT HOME MUST BE WORRIED.
OKAY! BYE-BYE!

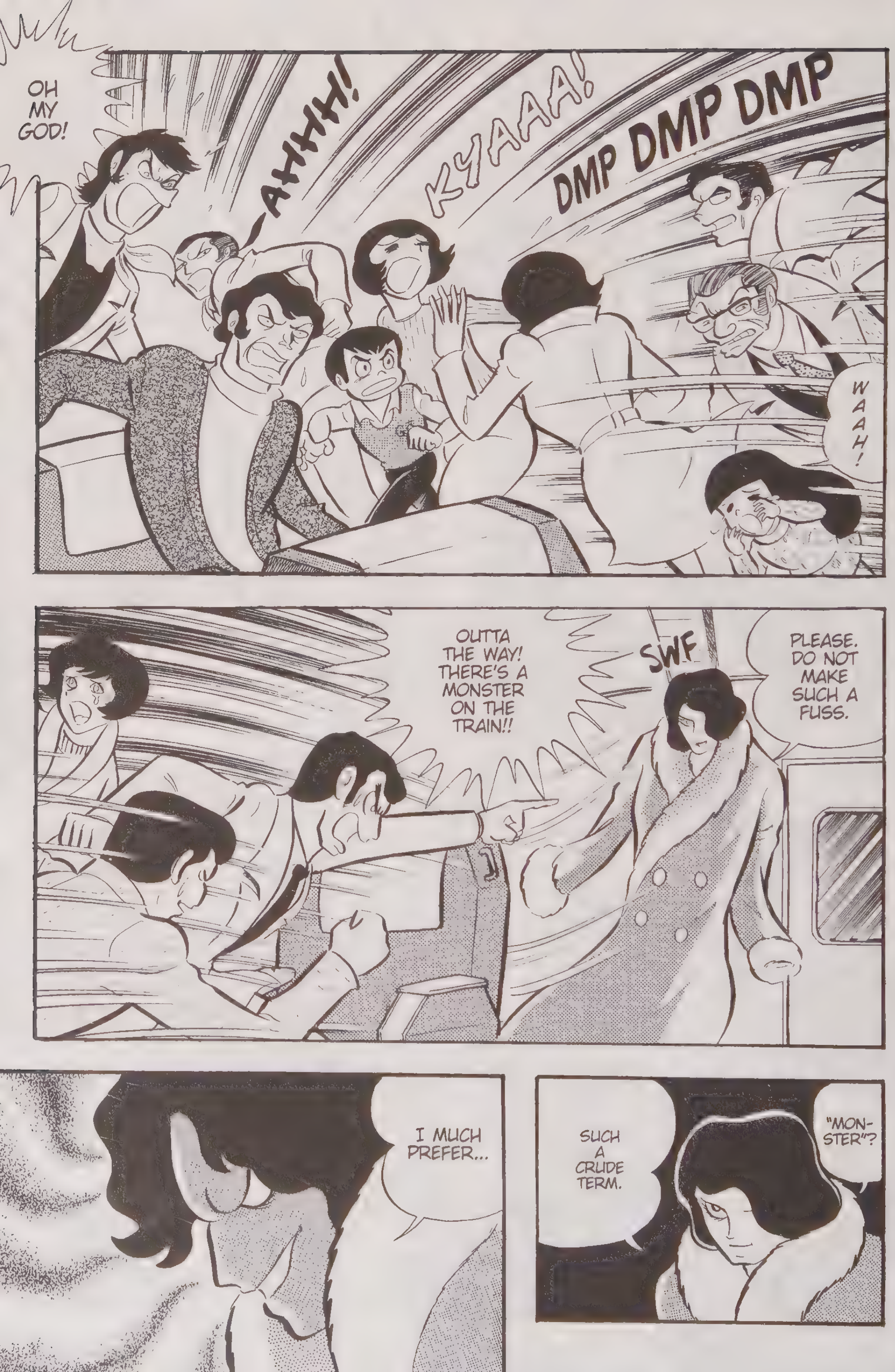

UM... IS AKIRA-NIICHAN HOME?
YOU KNOW AKIRA-KUN?
WELL, HEY!
SACCHAN.
YOU CAME ALONE?
I'M SURPRISED YOU FOUND THE PLACE.
HEE HEE! IT WAS THE POWER OF LOVE!
HUH?
AKIRA-KUN, WHO IS THIS?
NEIGHBOR FROM WHERE I LIVED BEFORE.
WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS.
I'M KINDA HIS GIRLFRIEND.
HEE HEE HEE
!
I KNEW I WAS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING HIM TO LOOK MY WAY. TURNS OUT HE ALREADY HAD A GIRLFRIEND?!

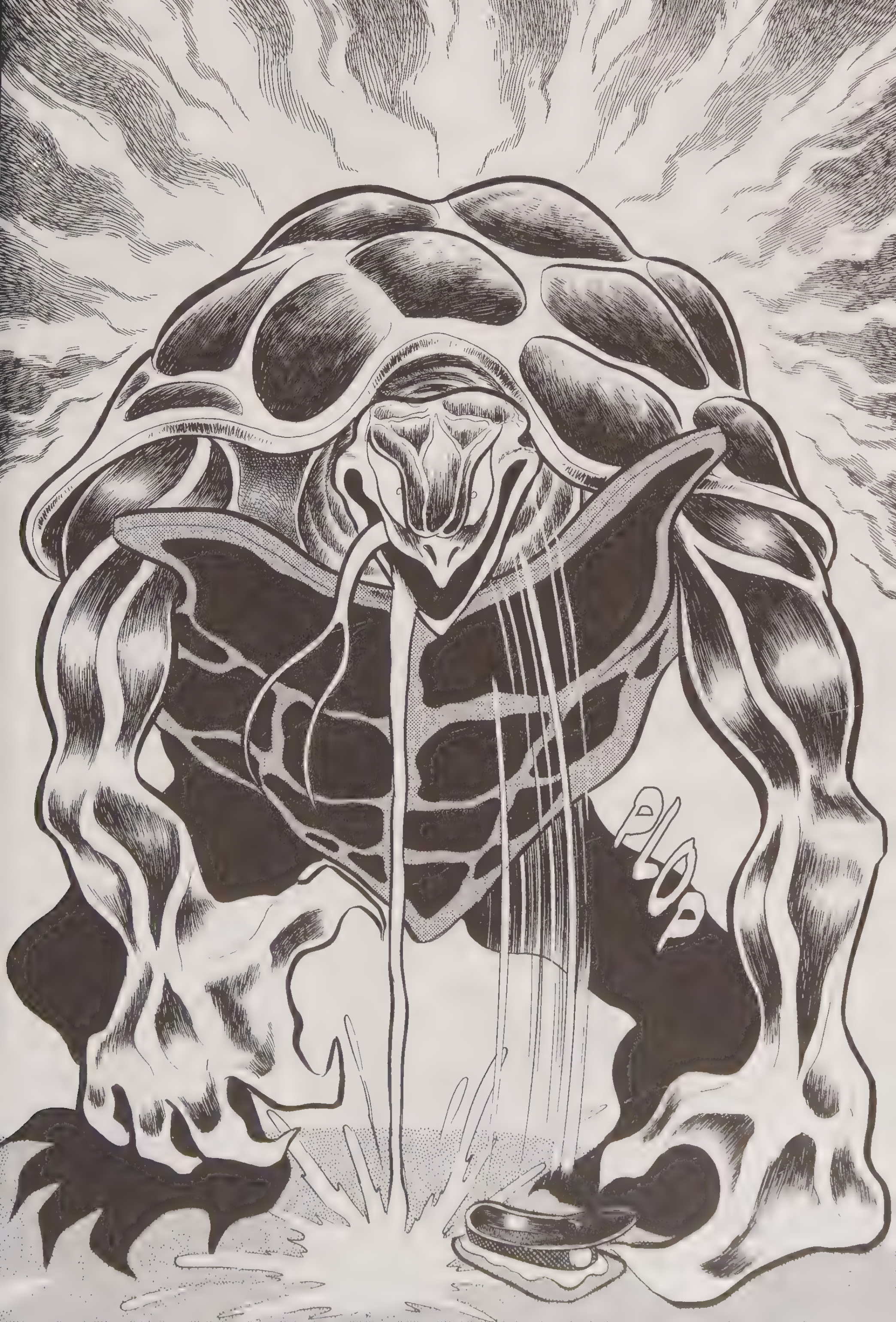

SHROOOO
GA-GREEE
HEY!!
WE STOPPED!
DID WE HIT SOMETHING?!
LOOK OUTSIDE!!
WHAT'S WITH THE TUNNEL WALLS?!

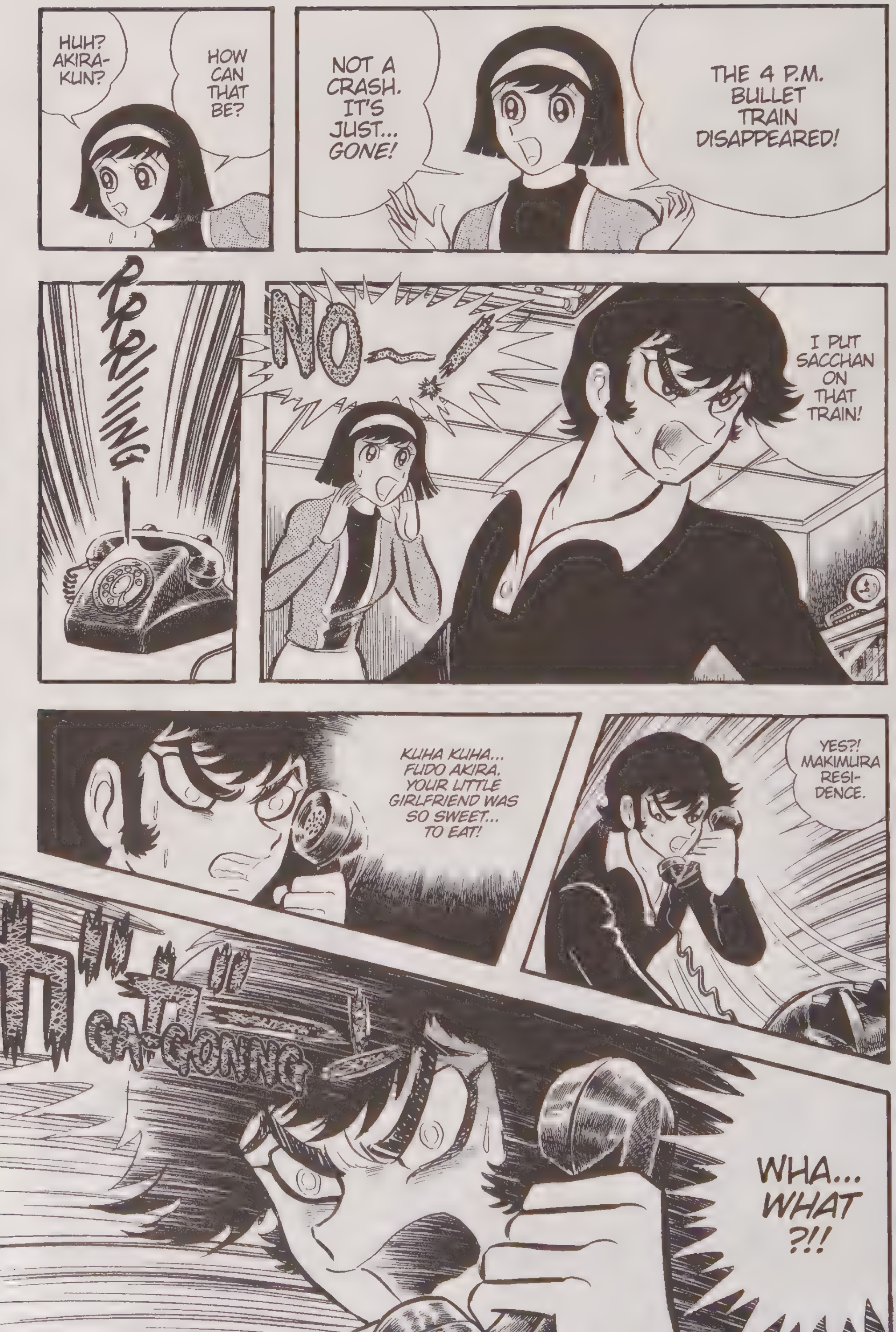

KA-KLAK
KA-KLAK
SHOO
SHROO
OH?
SHEESH! THIS TUNNEL'S FREAKY!
WHAT THE--?!
AH!

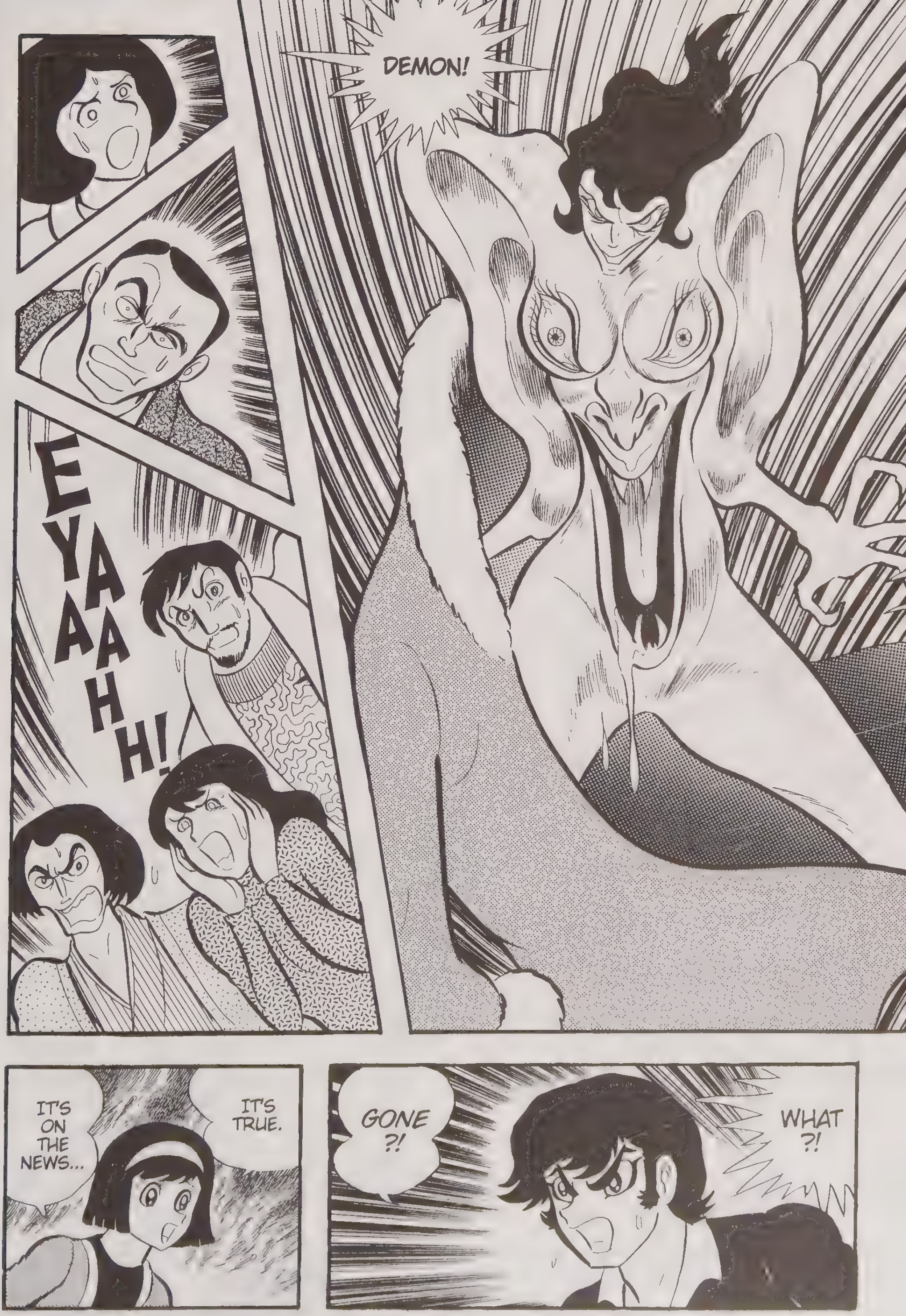

YOU'RE WHAT--?!
NO, NO. I'M QUITE SANE. IT'S JUST... I AM A DEMON MYSELF.
KA HA HA!
KUHA KUHA...
KYAAA!
UWAAAAAAH?!

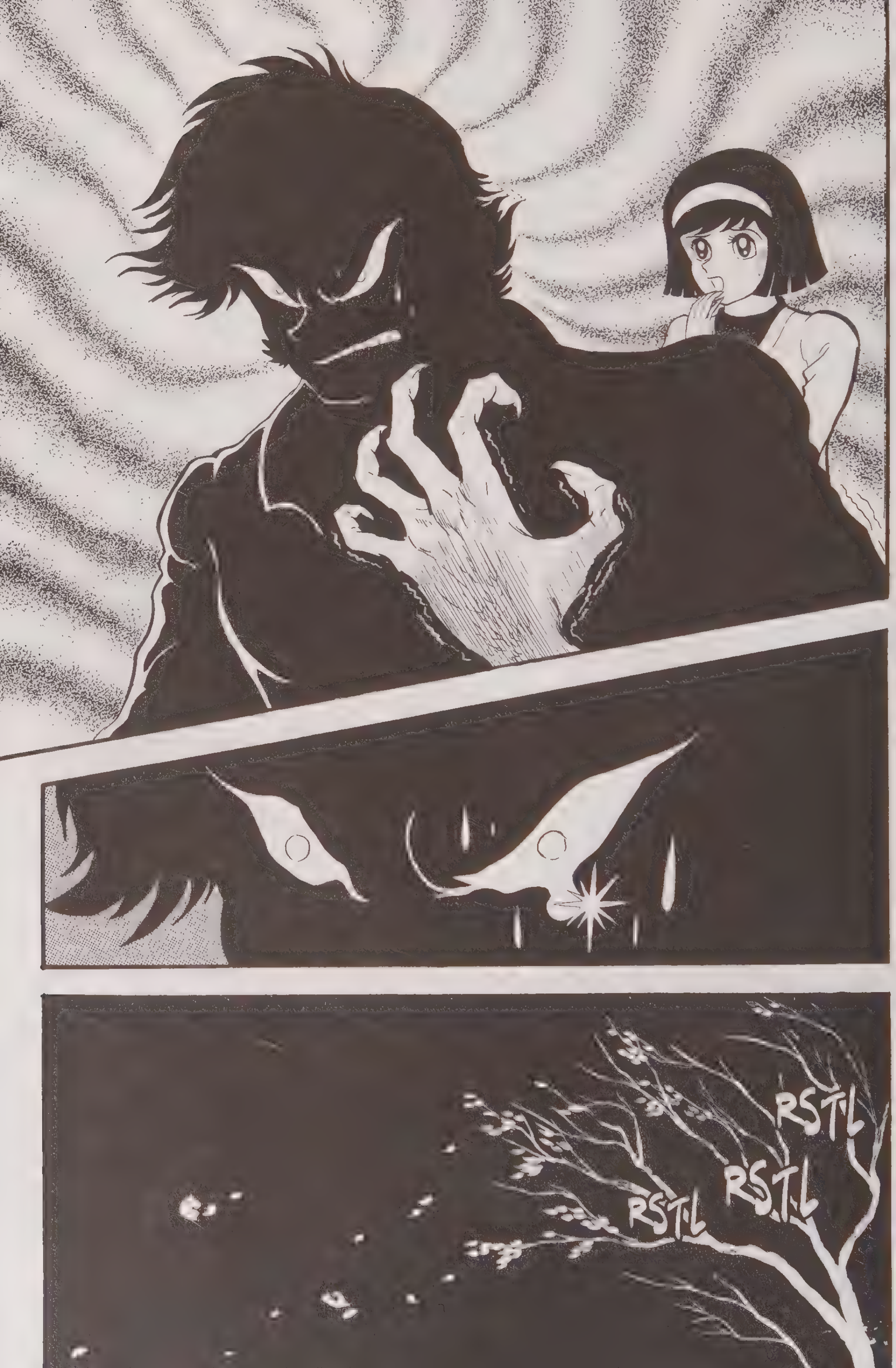

LOOK! THE WALLS ARE MOVING!
SHOOP
YAMMER YAMMER
REMAIN CALM, EVERYONE.
EVERYTHING IS FINE.
FINE?! ARE YOU INSANE? WHERE ARE WE?!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT *TUNNEL?!*
THERE IS NO TUNNEL.
THIS TRAIN...
HAS ENTERED A LIVING BODY.
ENTERED A WHAT NOW...?!
YOU ARE INSIDE ONE OF WHAT YOU HUMANS CALL "DEVILS"...
QUIT TALKING NONSENSE!
WHAT'S YOUR GAME?! YOU NUTS?!

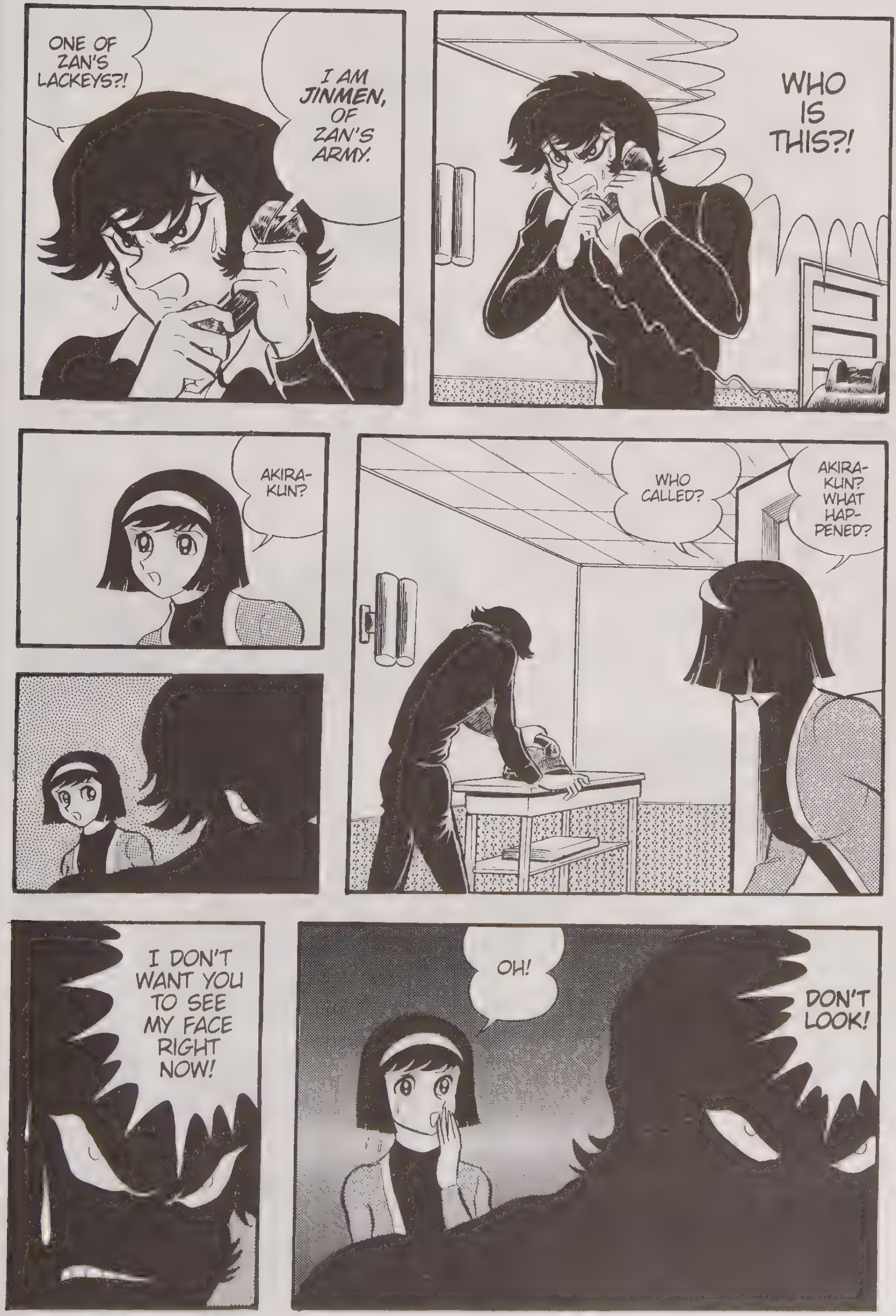

WAAH!
DMP DMP DMP
KYAAA!
AHHH!
OH MY GOD!
PLEASE. DO NOT MAKE SUCH A FUSS.
SWF
OUTTA THE WAY! THERE'S A MONSTER ON THE TRAIN!!
"MONSTER"?
SUCH A CRUDE TERM.
I MUCH PREFER...

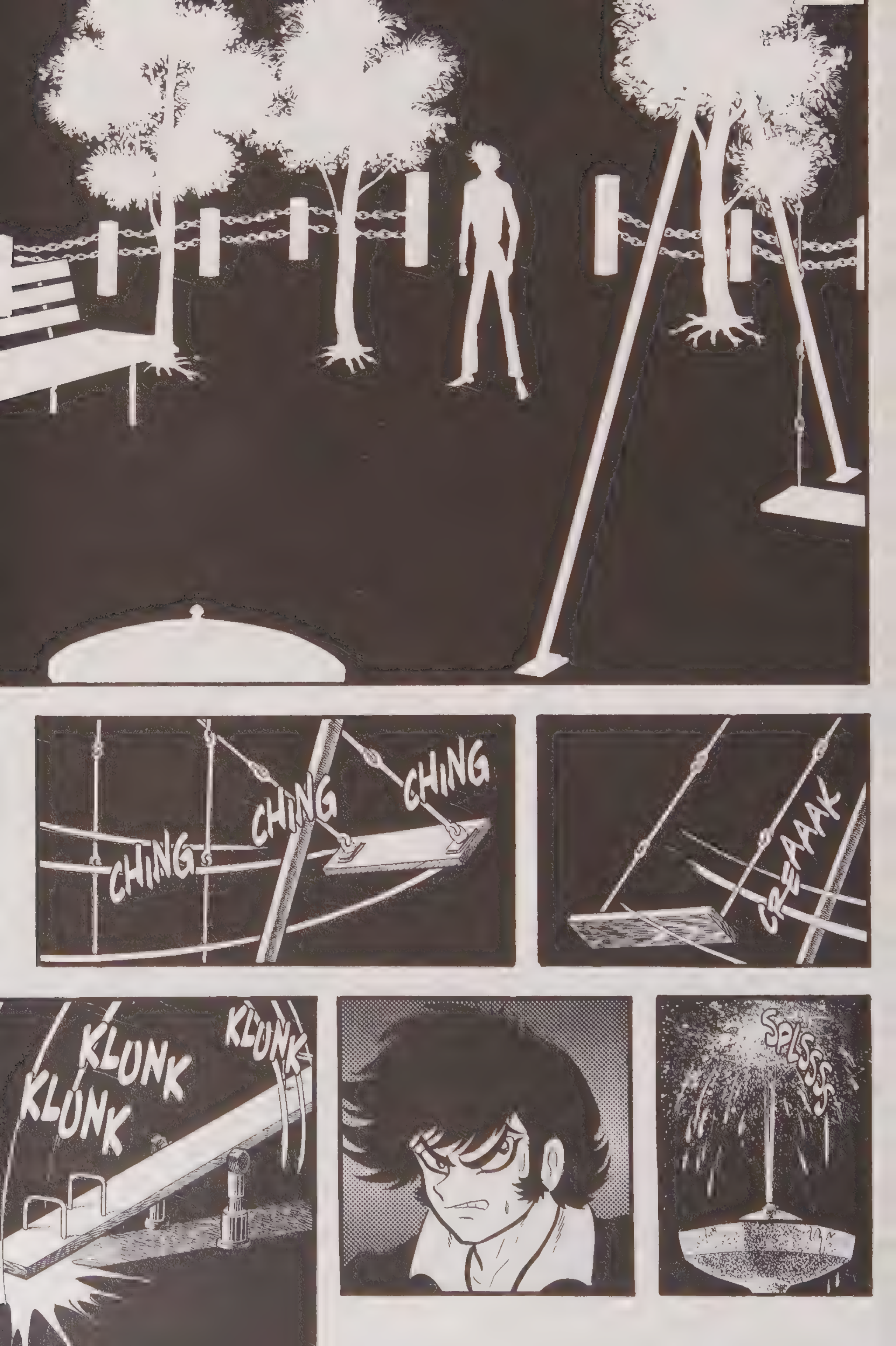

PLOP

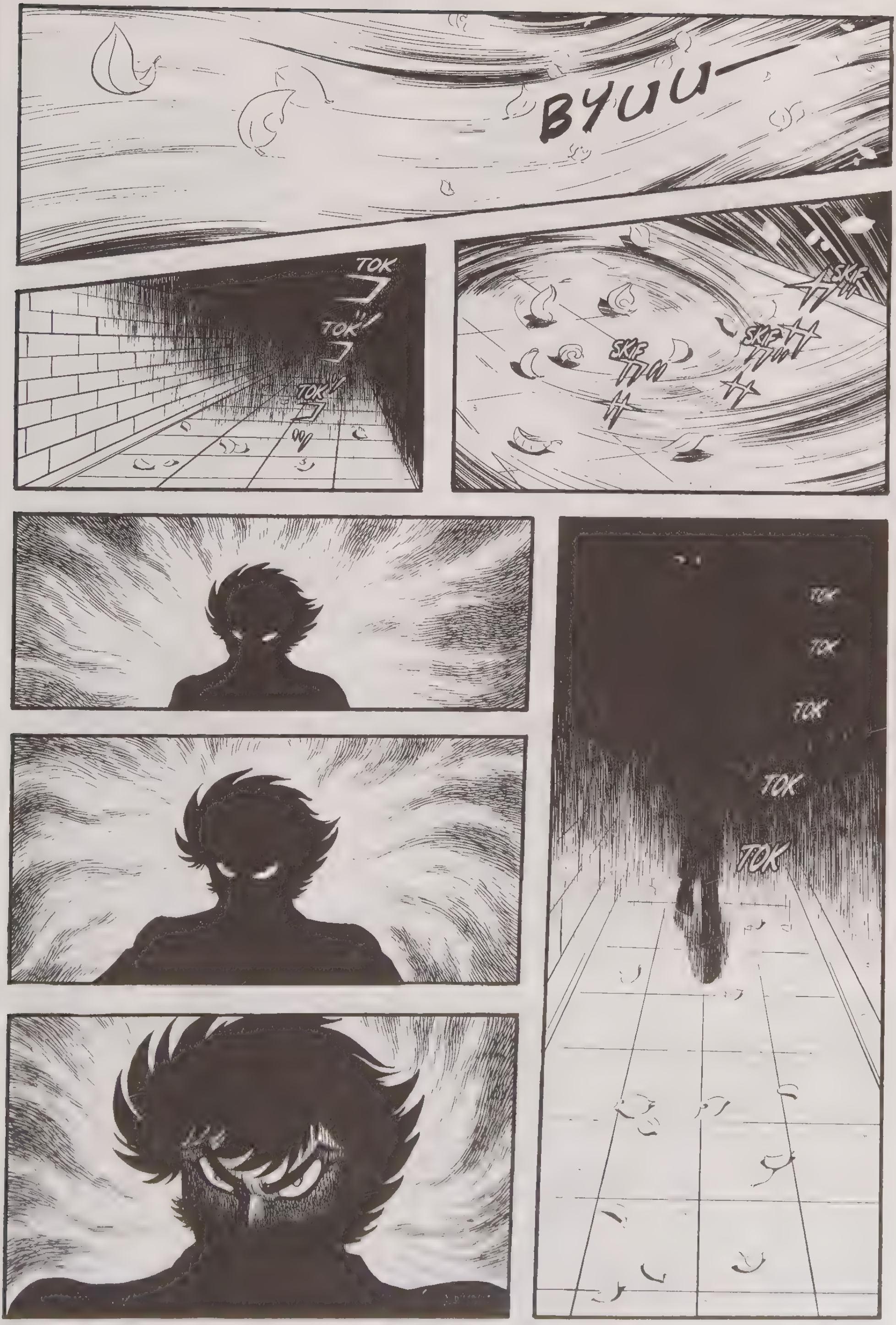

THE 4 P.M. BULLET TRAIN DISAPPEARED!
NOT A CRASH. IT'S JUST... GONE!
HOW CAN THAT BE?
HUH? AKIRA-KUN?
I PUT SACCHAN ON THAT TRAIN!
NO~~!
RRRIIING
YES?! MAKIMURA RESIDENCE.
KUHA KUHA... FUDO AKIRA. YOUR LITTLE GIRLFRIEND WAS SO SWEET... TO EAT!
GA-GONNG
WHA... WHAT ?!!


DEMON!
EYAAAHH!
WHAT?!
GONE?!
IT'S TRUE.
IT'S ON THE NEWS...


RST·L
RS.T.L
RST·L


WHO IS THIS?!
I AM *JINMEN,* OF ZAN'S ARMY.
ONE OF ZAN'S LACKEYS?!
AKIRA-KUN? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHO CALLED?
AKIRA-KUN?
DON'T LOOK!
OH!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE MY FACE RIGHT NOW!


CHING
CHING
CHING
CREAAAK
KLUNK
KLUNK
KLUNK
SPLSSSS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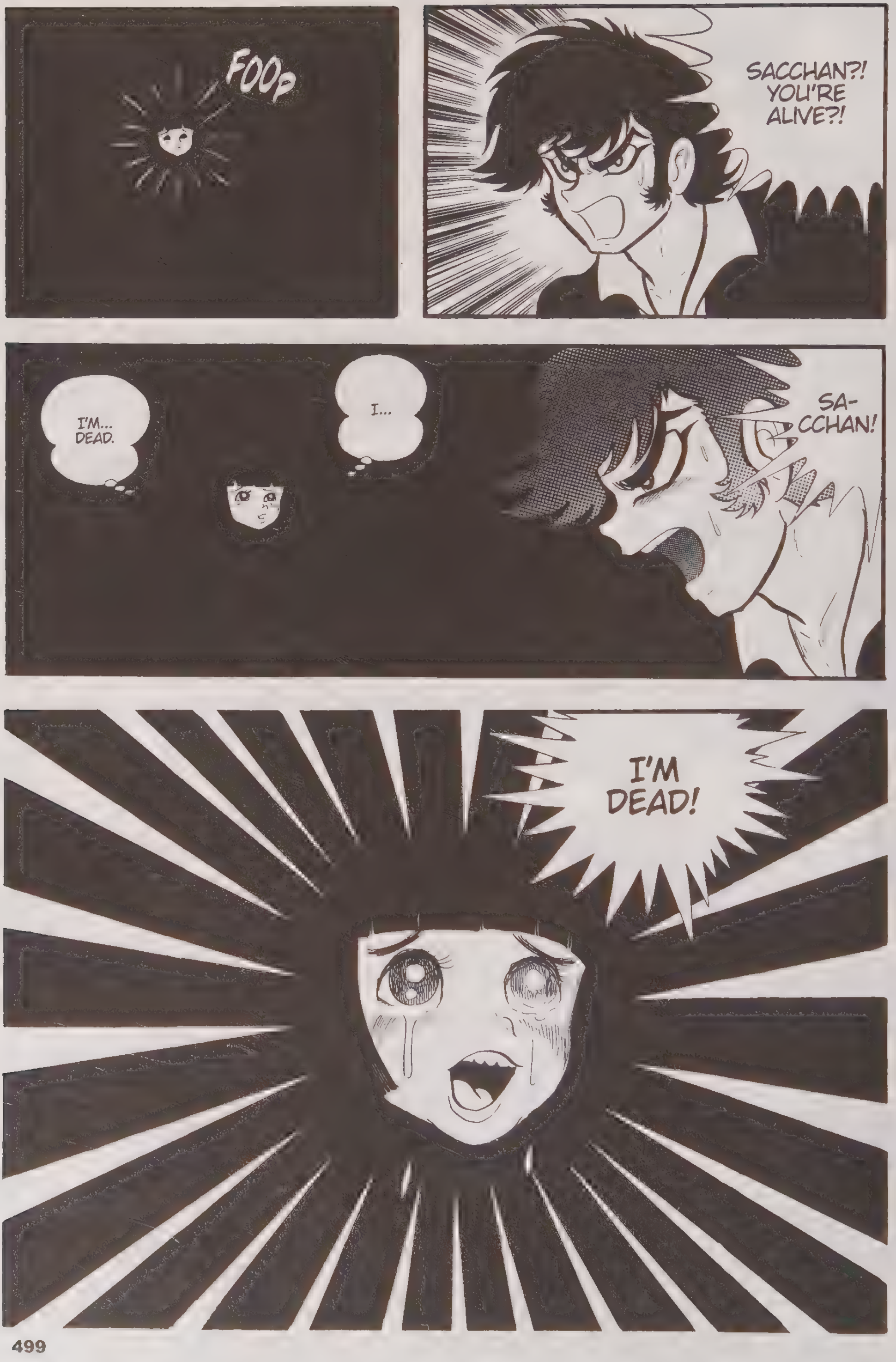
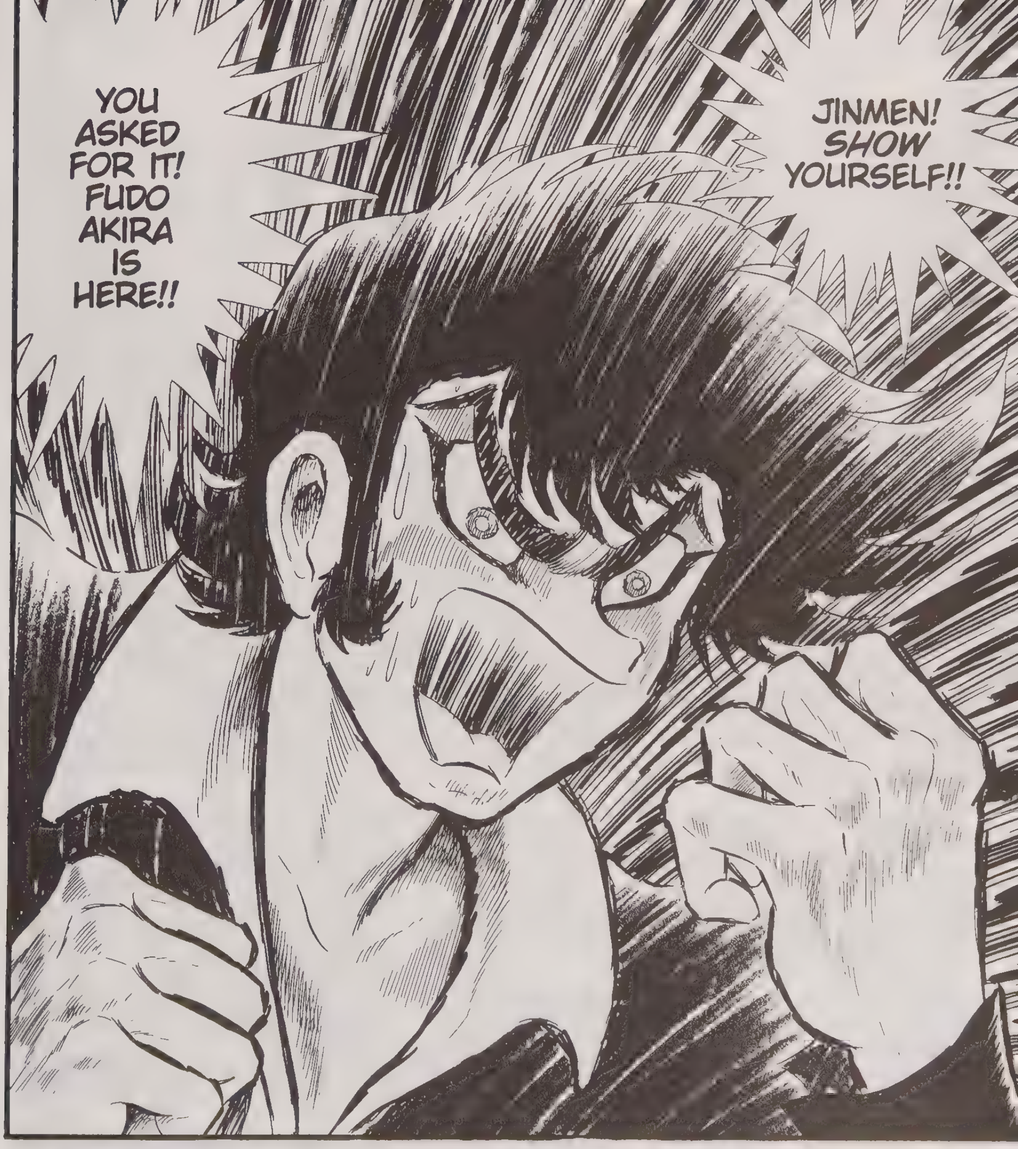
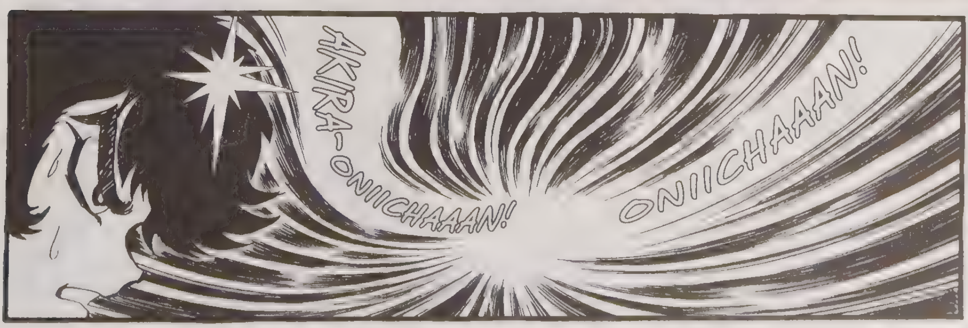
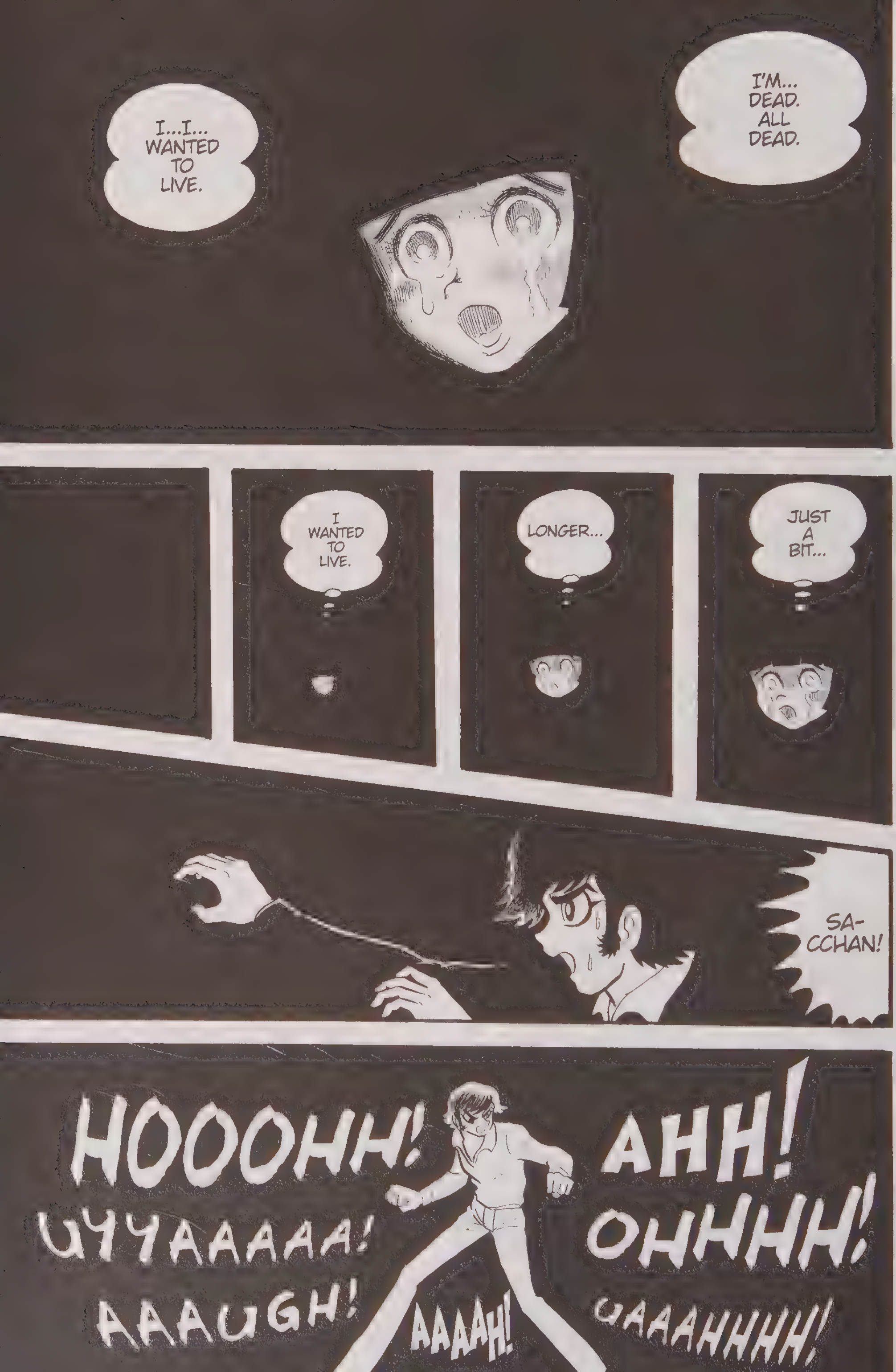
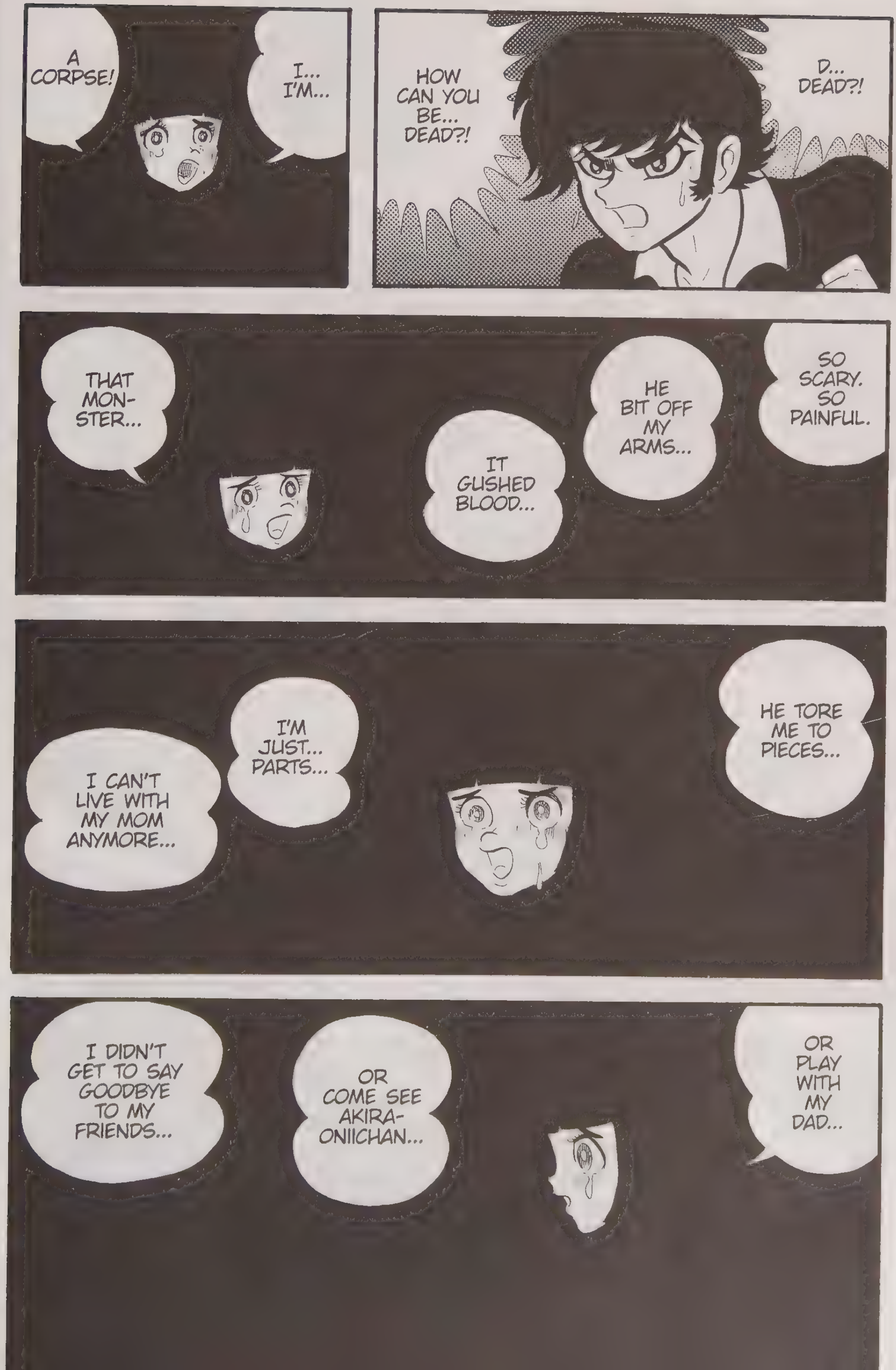
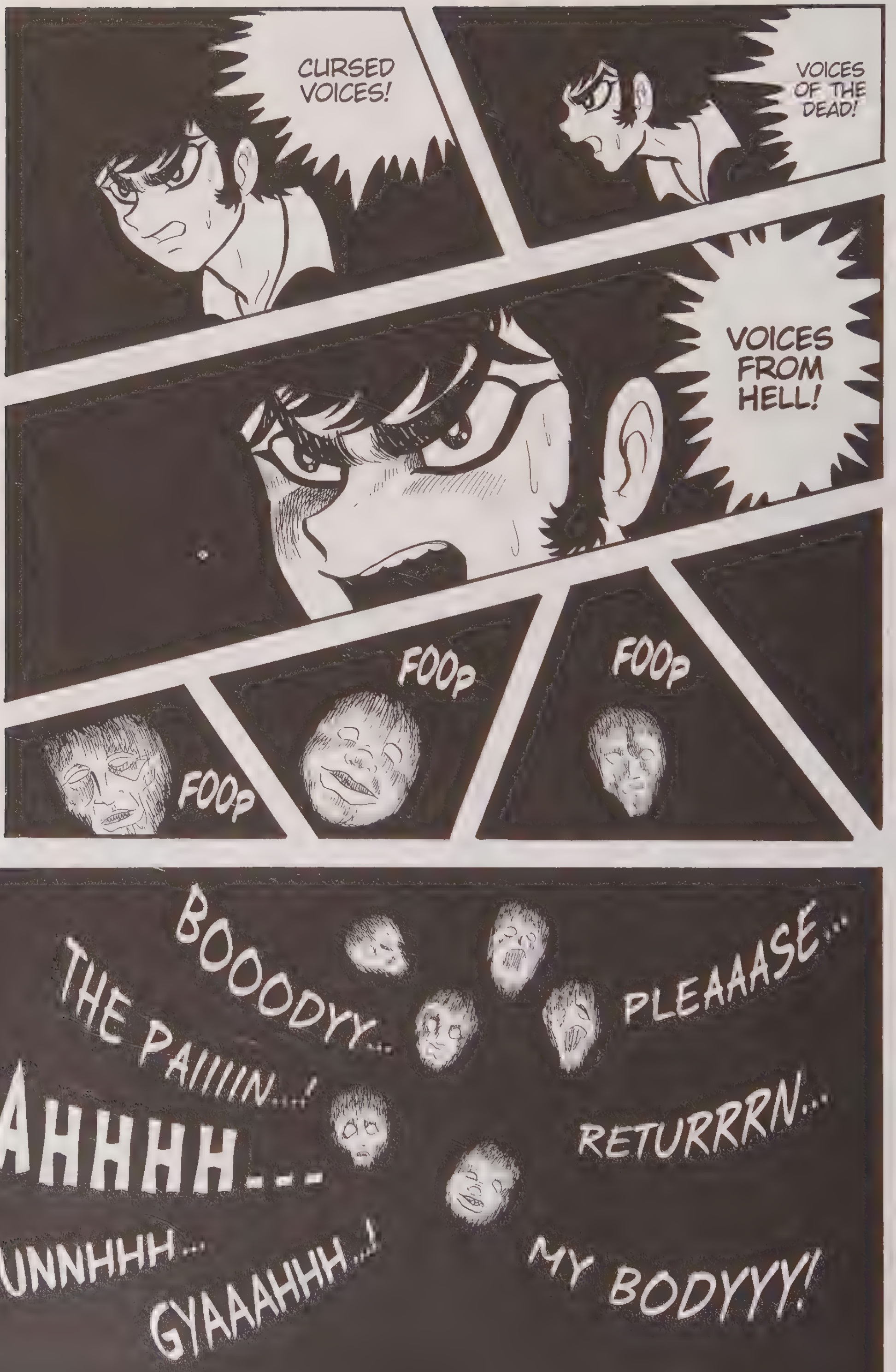

SACCHAN?! YOU'RE ALIVE?!
FOOP
SA-CCHAN!
I...
I'M... DEAD.
I'M DEAD!

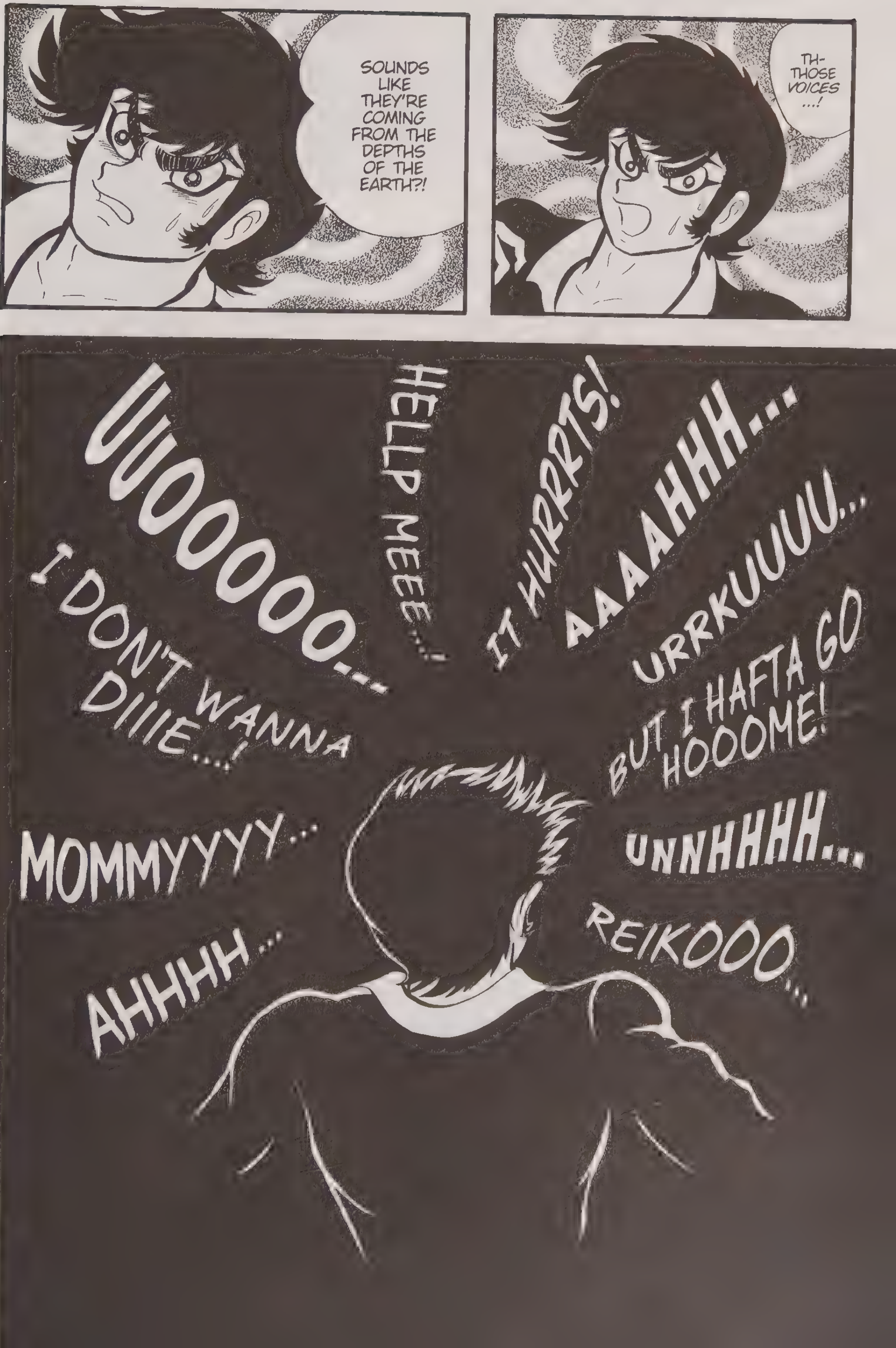

JINMEN! SHOW YOURSELF!!
YOU ASKED FOR IT! FUDO AKIRA IS HERE!!

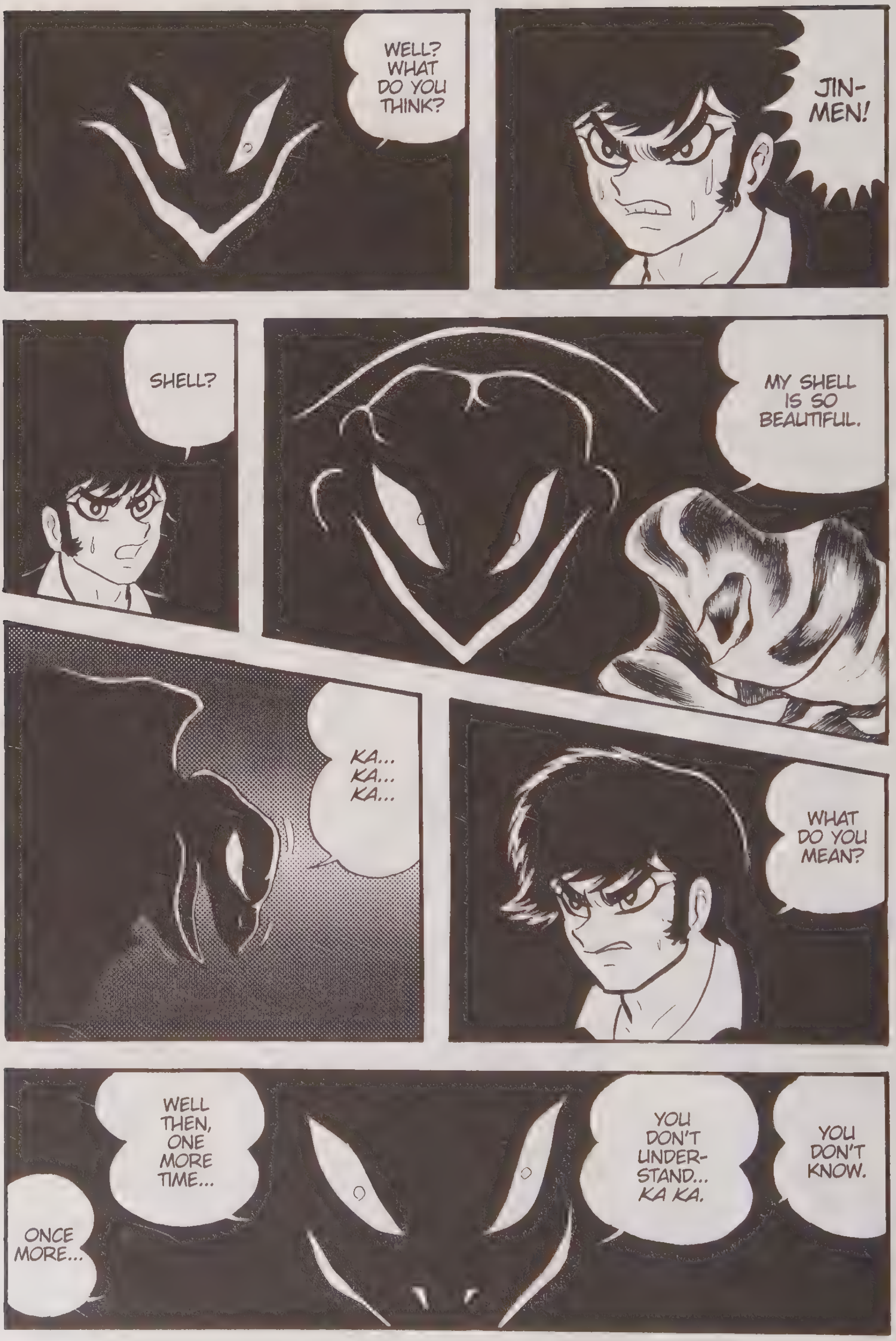

ONIICHAAAN!
AKIRA-ONIICHAAAN!

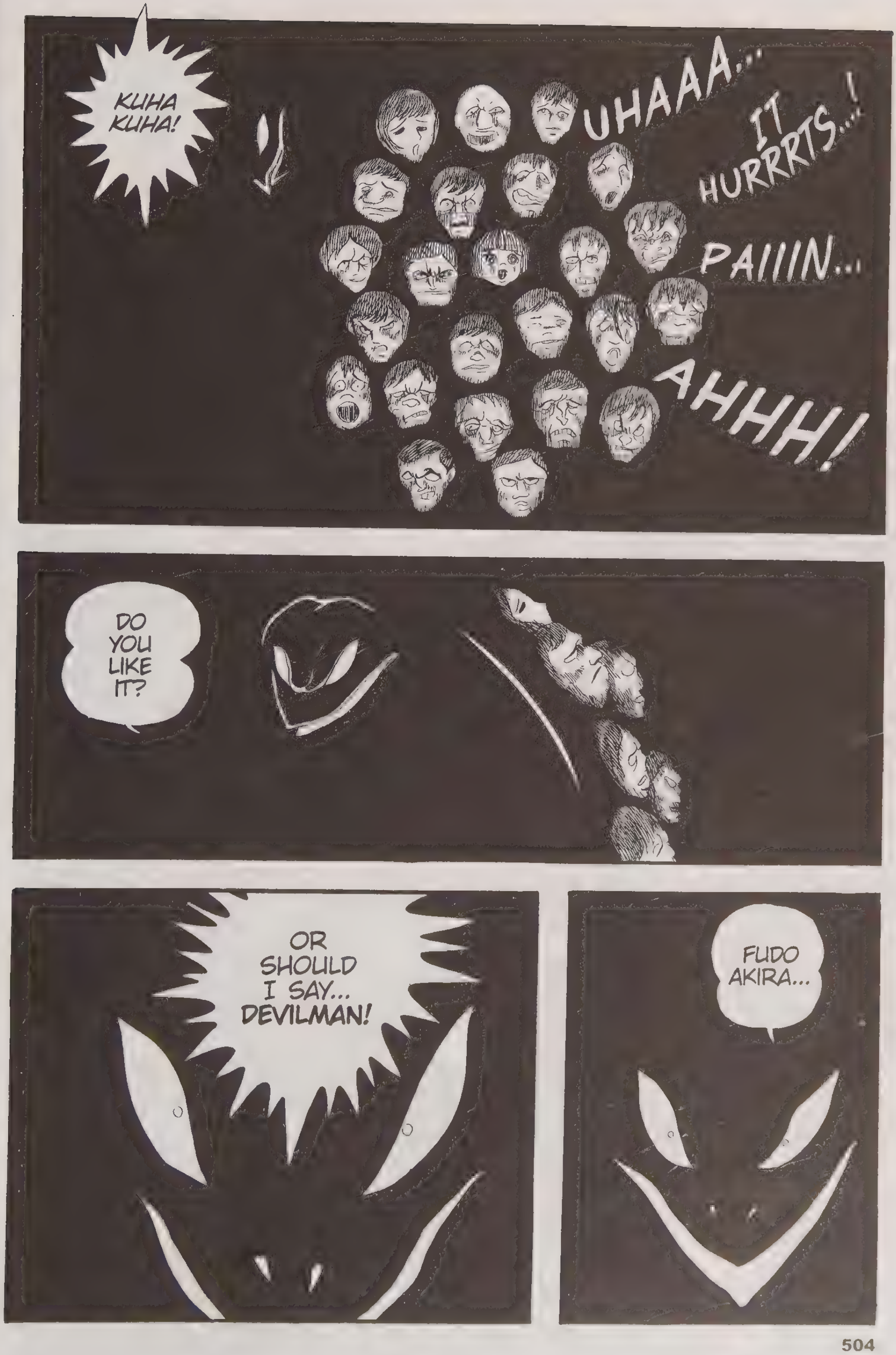

I...I... WANTED TO LIVE.
I'M... DEAD. ALL DEAD.
I WANTED TO LIVE.
LONGER...
JUST A BIT...
SA-CCHAN!
HOOOHH!
UYYAAAAAA!
AAAUGH!
AAAAH!
AHH!
OHHHH!
UAAAHHHH!

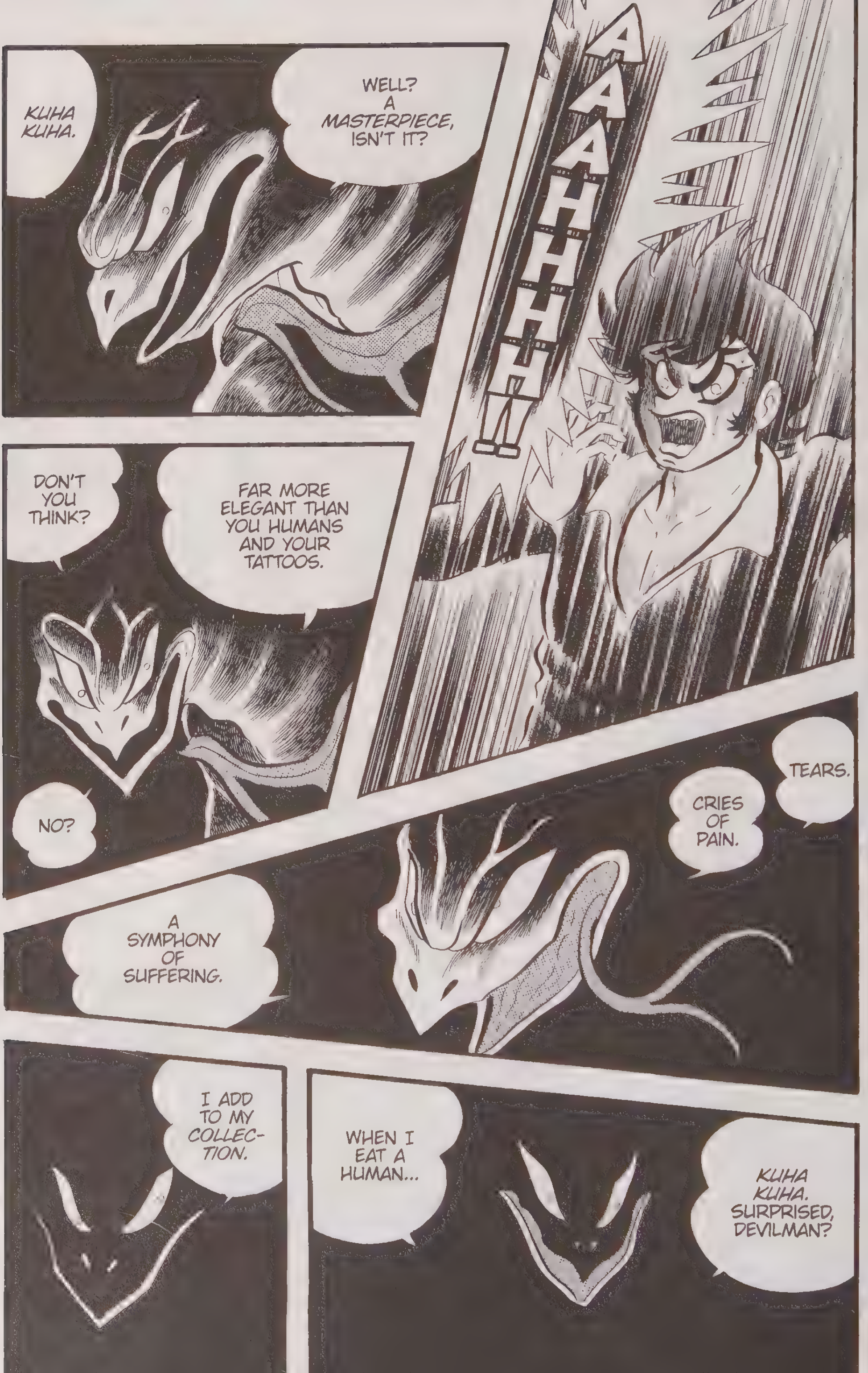

I... I'M...
A CORPSE!
D... DEAD?!
HOW CAN YOU BE... DEAD?!
THAT MONSTER...
IT GUSHED BLOOD...
HE BIT OFF MY ARMS...
SO SCARY. SO PAINFUL.
I CAN'T LIVE WITH MY MOM ANYMORE...
I'M JUST... PARTS...
HE TORE ME TO PIECES...
I DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY FRIENDS...
OR COME SEE AKIRA-ONIICHAN...
OR PLAY WITH MY DAD...

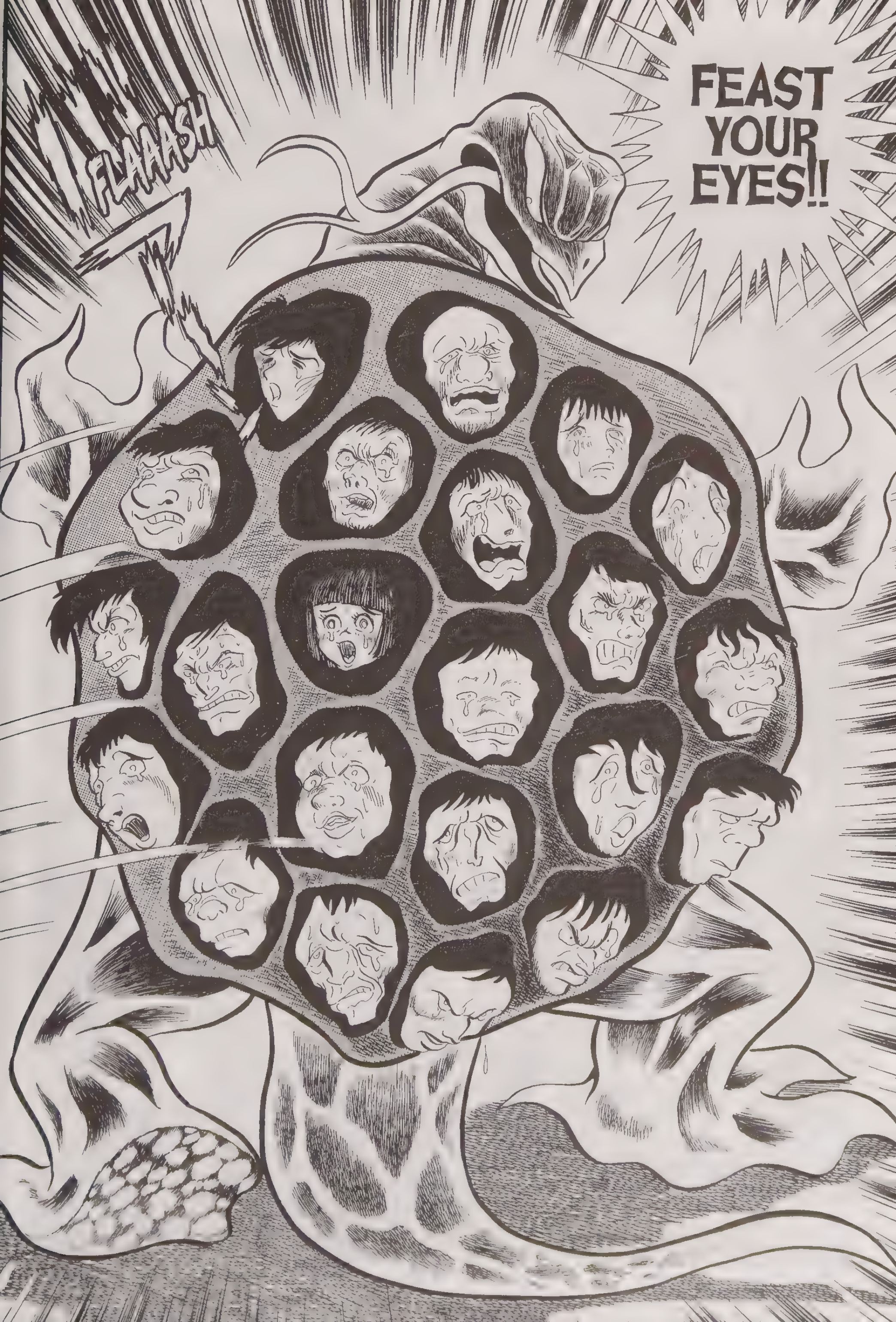

CURSED VOICES!
VOICES OF THE DEAD!
VOICES FROM HELL!
FOOP
FOOP
FOOP
BOOODYYY...
THE PAIIIIIN...!
AHHHH...
UNNHHH..
GYAAAHHH..!
PLEAAASE...
RETURRRN...
MY BODYYY!

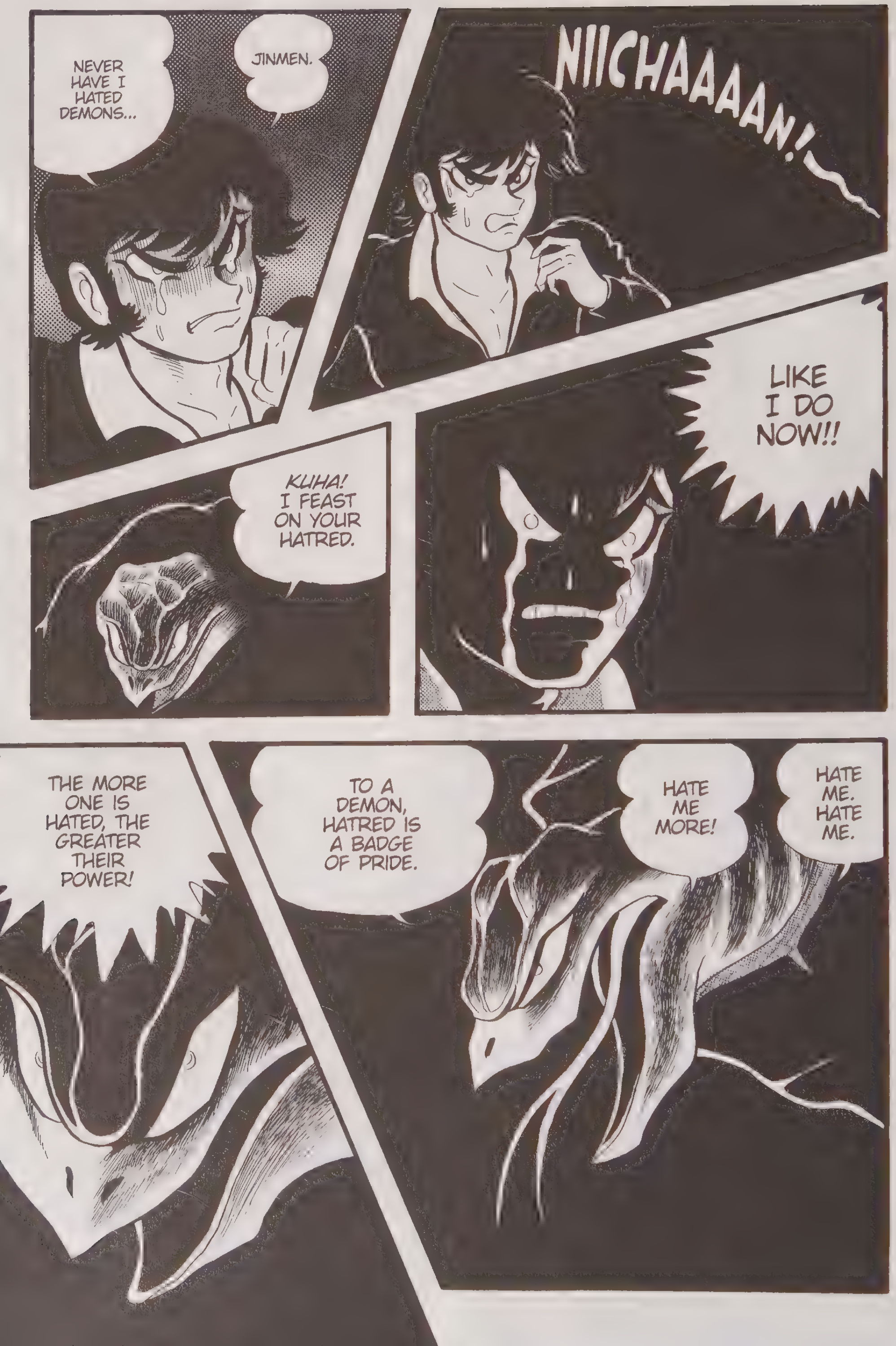

TH- THOSE VOICES ...!
SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE COMING FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH?!
AAAAHHH...
IT HURRRTS!
HELLP MEEE...!
UUOOOOOO...
URRKUUUU...
BUT I HAFTA GO HOOOME!
I DON'T WANNA DIIIIE...!
UNNHHHH...
MOMMYYYY...
REIKOOO...
AHHHH...

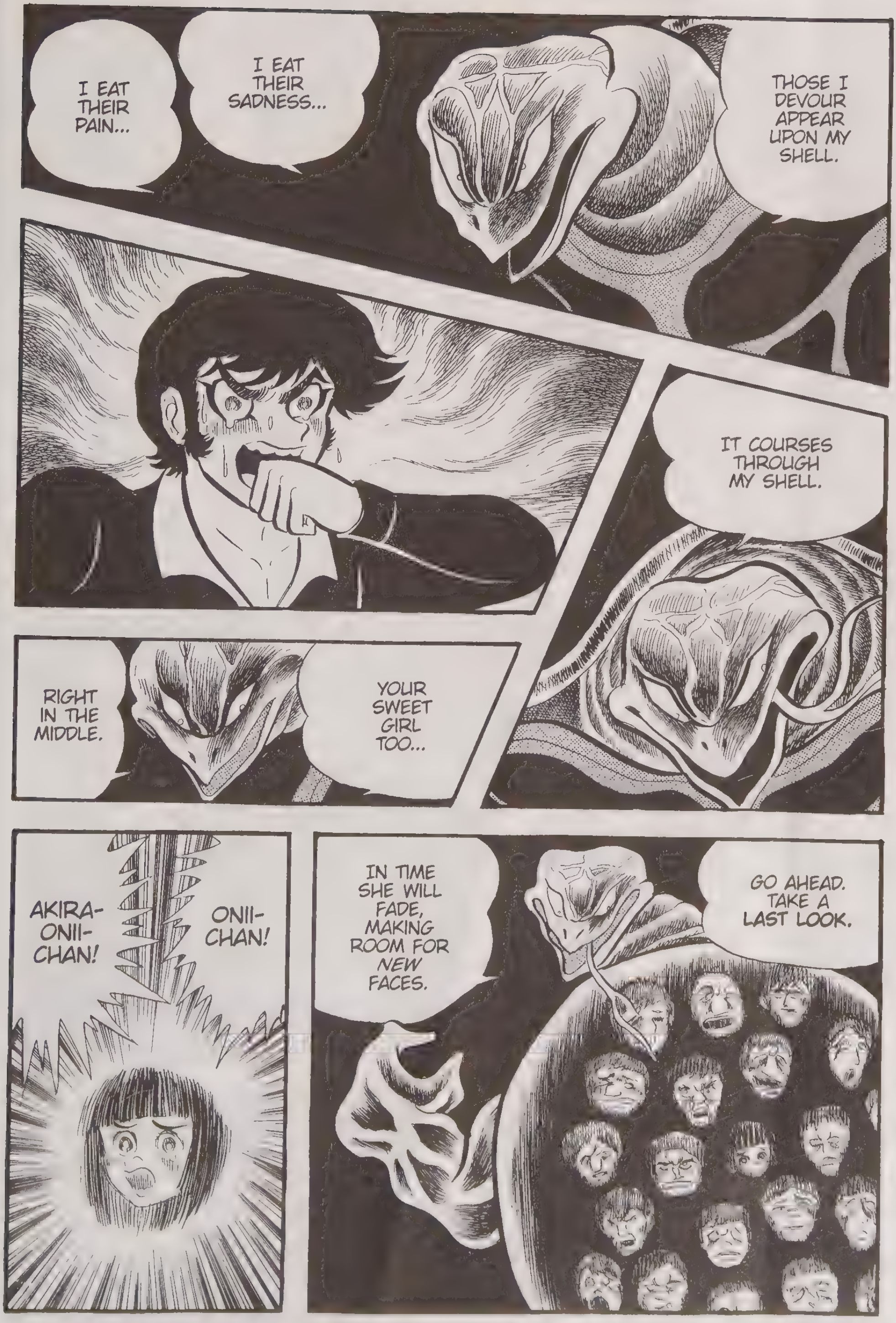

JIN-MEN!
WELL? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
MY SHELL IS SO BEAUTIFUL.
SHELL?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
KA... KA... KA...
YOU DON'T KNOW.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... KA KA.
WELL THEN, ONE MORE TIME...
ONCE MORE...

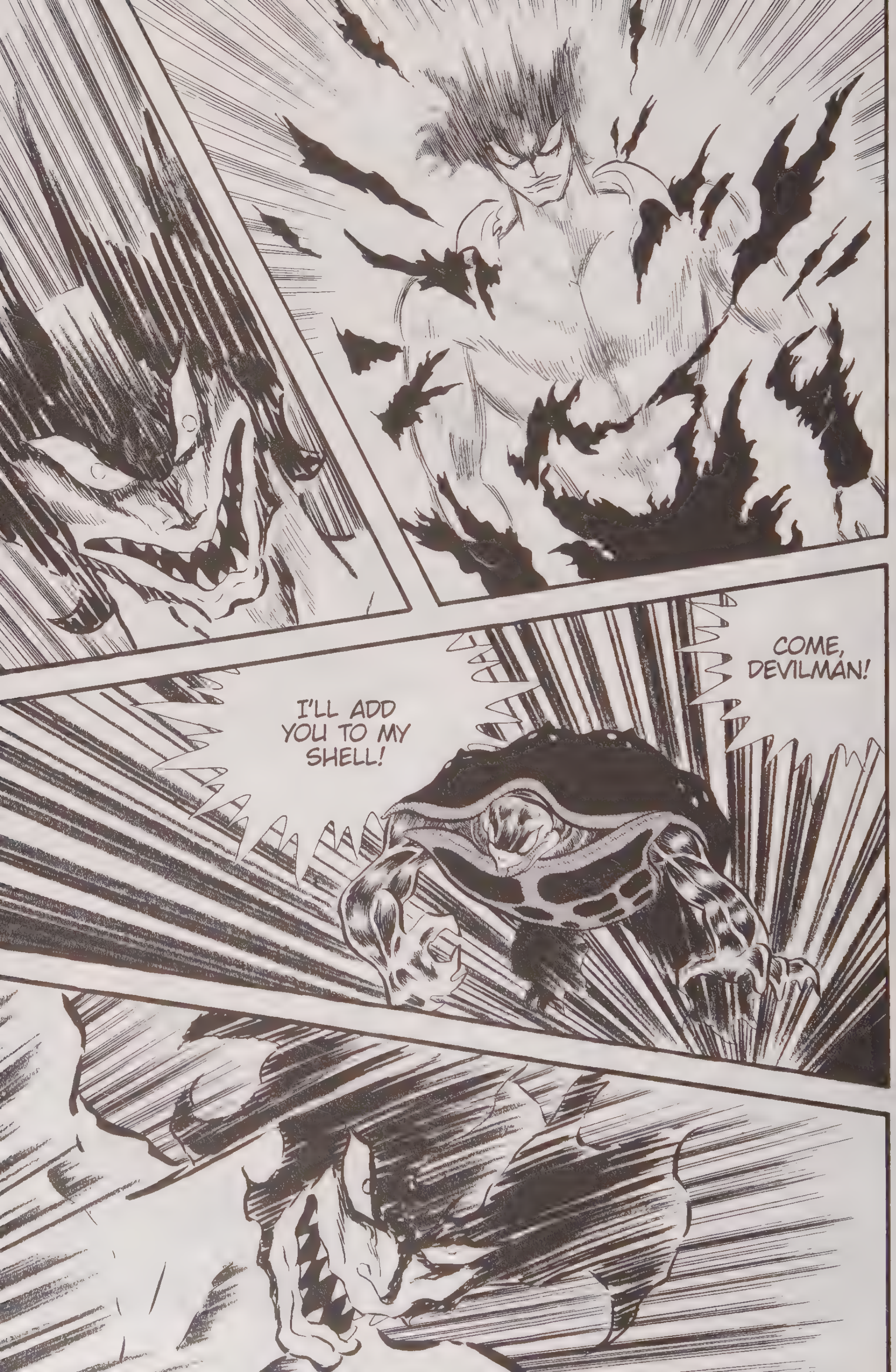

UHAAA...
IT HURRRTS...!
PAIIIN...
AHHH!
KUHA KUHA!
DO YOU LIKE IT?
FUDO AKIRA...
OR SHOULD I SAY... DEVILMAN!

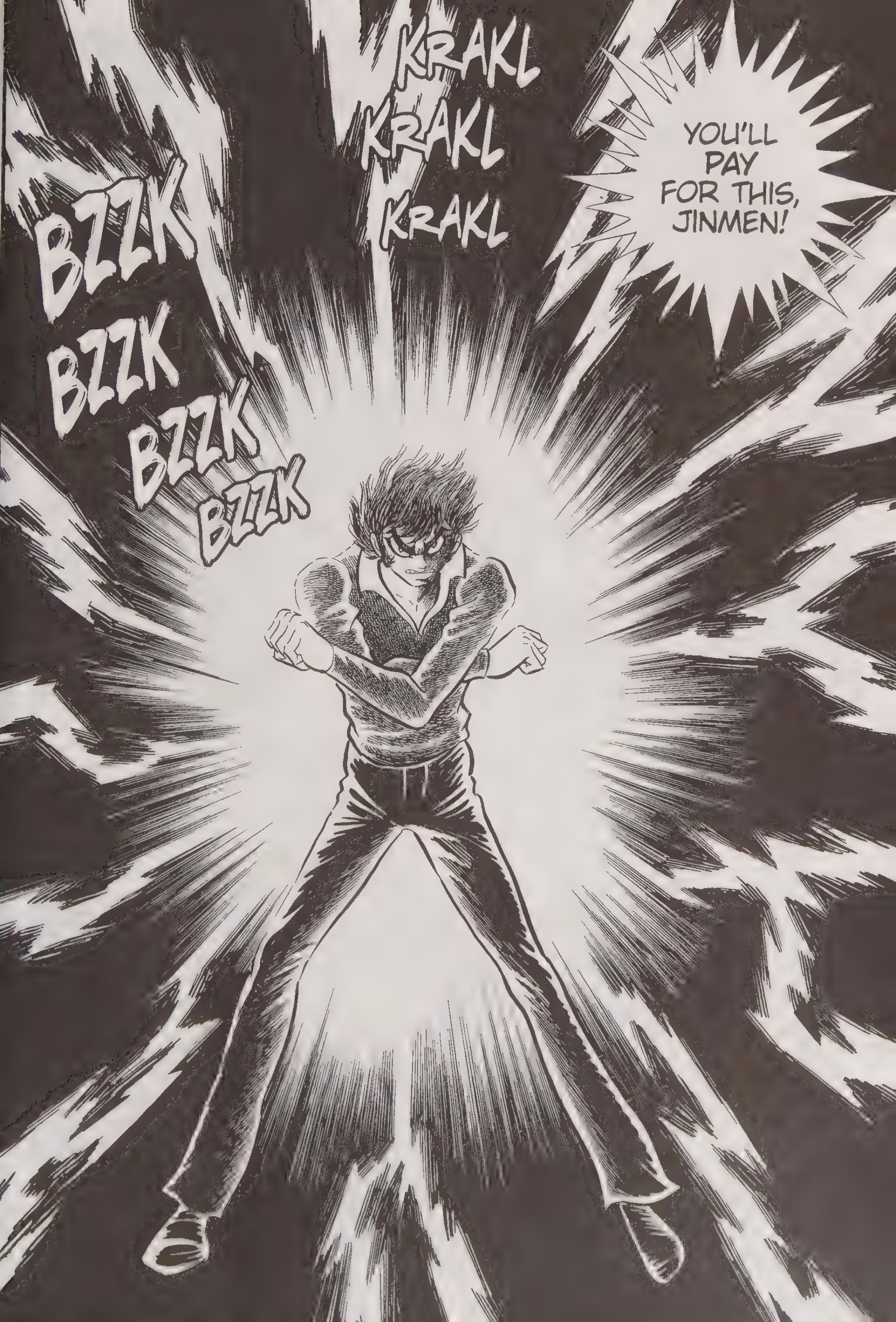

AAAHHHHH!!
WELL? A MASTERPIECE, ISN'T IT?
KUHA KUHA.
FAR MORE ELEGANT THAN YOU HUMANS AND YOUR TATTOOS.
DON'T YOU THINK?
NO?
TEARS.
CRIES OF PAIN.
A SYMPHONY OF SUFFERING.
KUHA KUHA. SURPRISED, DEVILMAN?
WHEN I EAT A HUMAN...
I ADD TO MY COLLEC- TION.

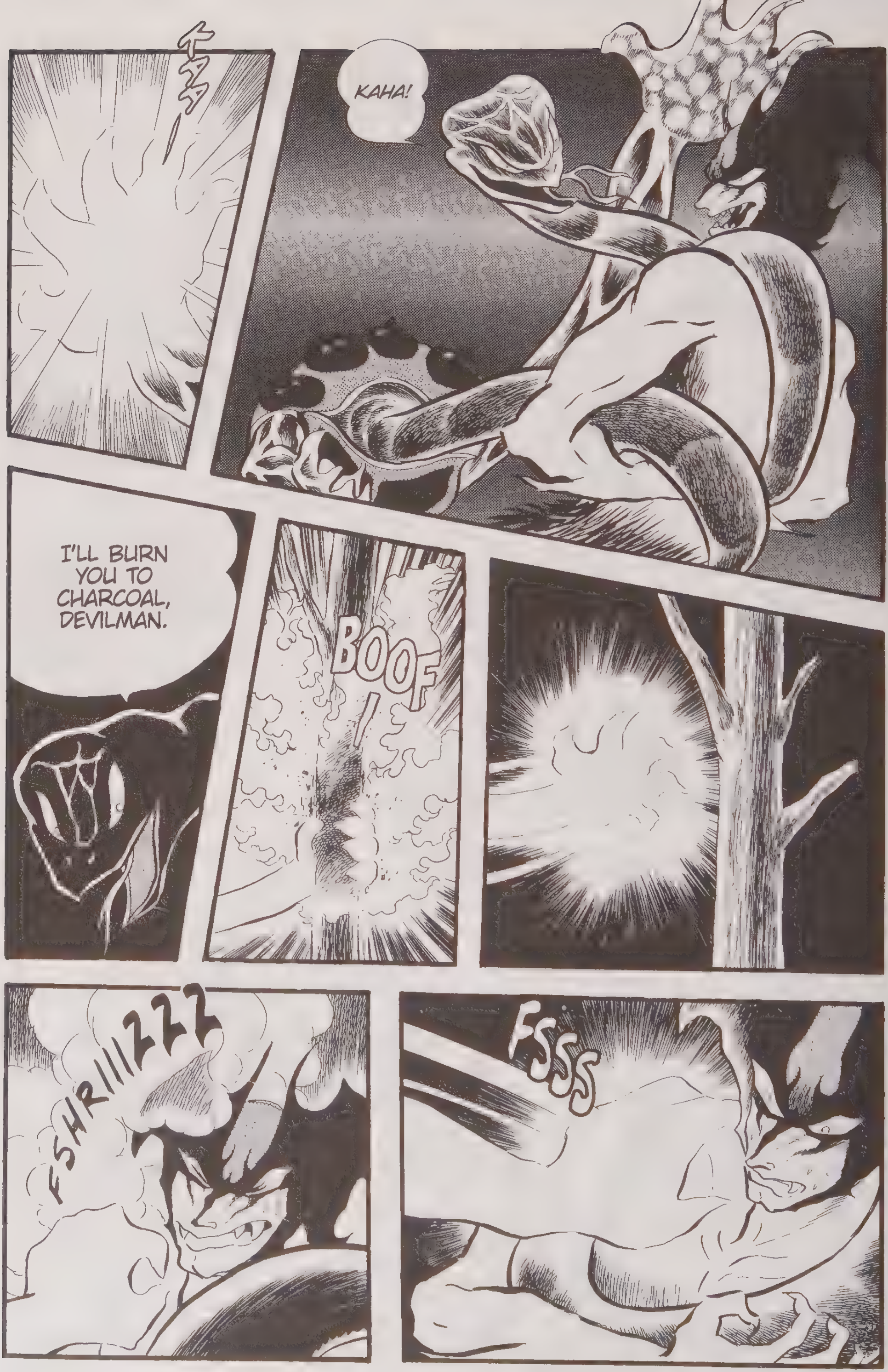

FEAST YOUR EYES!!
FLAAASH

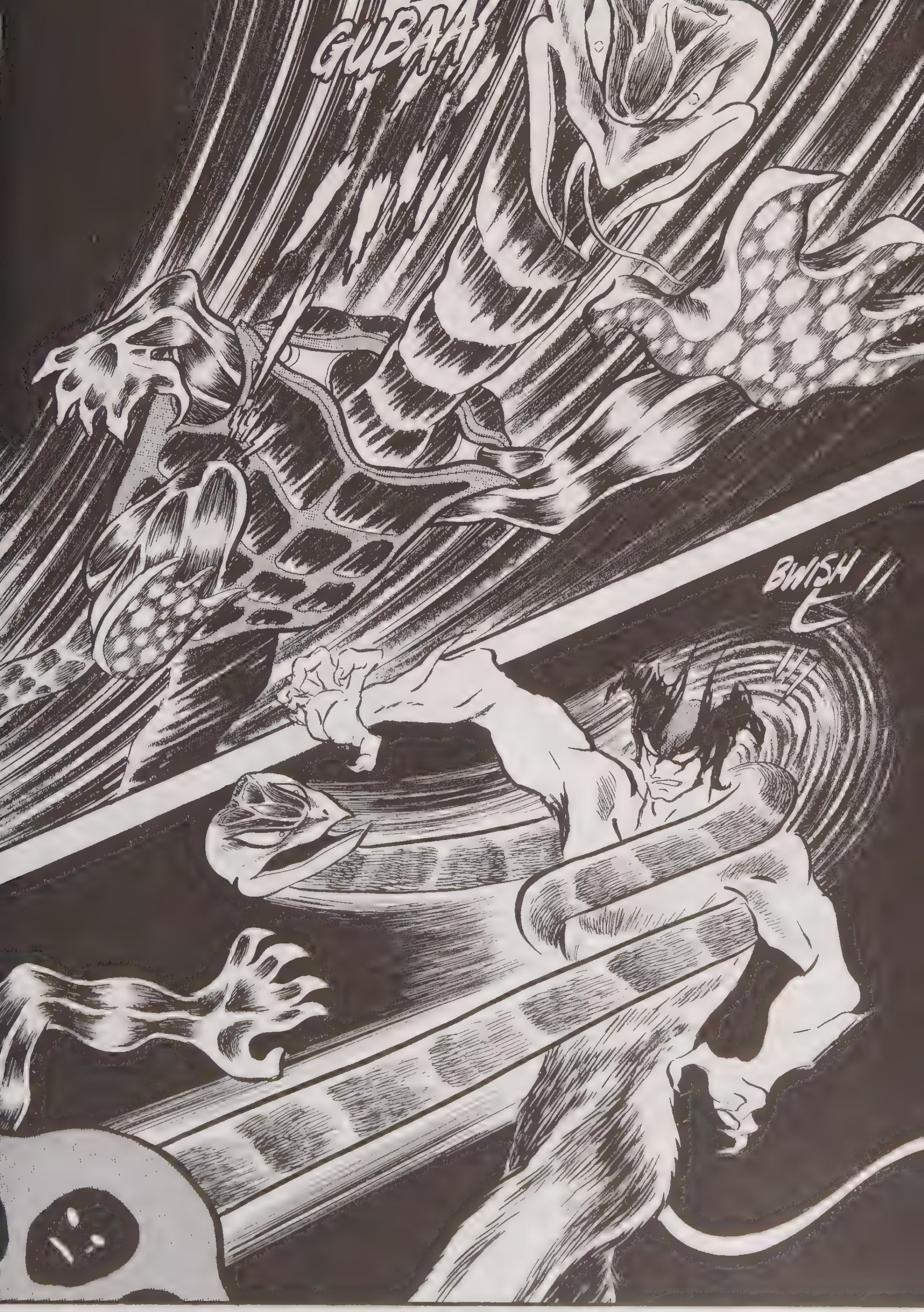

NIICHAAAAN!
JINMEN.
NEVER HAVE I HATED DEMONS...
LIKE I DO NOW!!
KUHA! I FEAST ON YOUR HATRED.
HATE ME. HATE ME.
HATE ME MORE!
TO A DEMON, HATRED IS A BADGE OF PRIDE.
THE MORE ONE IS HATED, THE GREATER THEIR POWER!

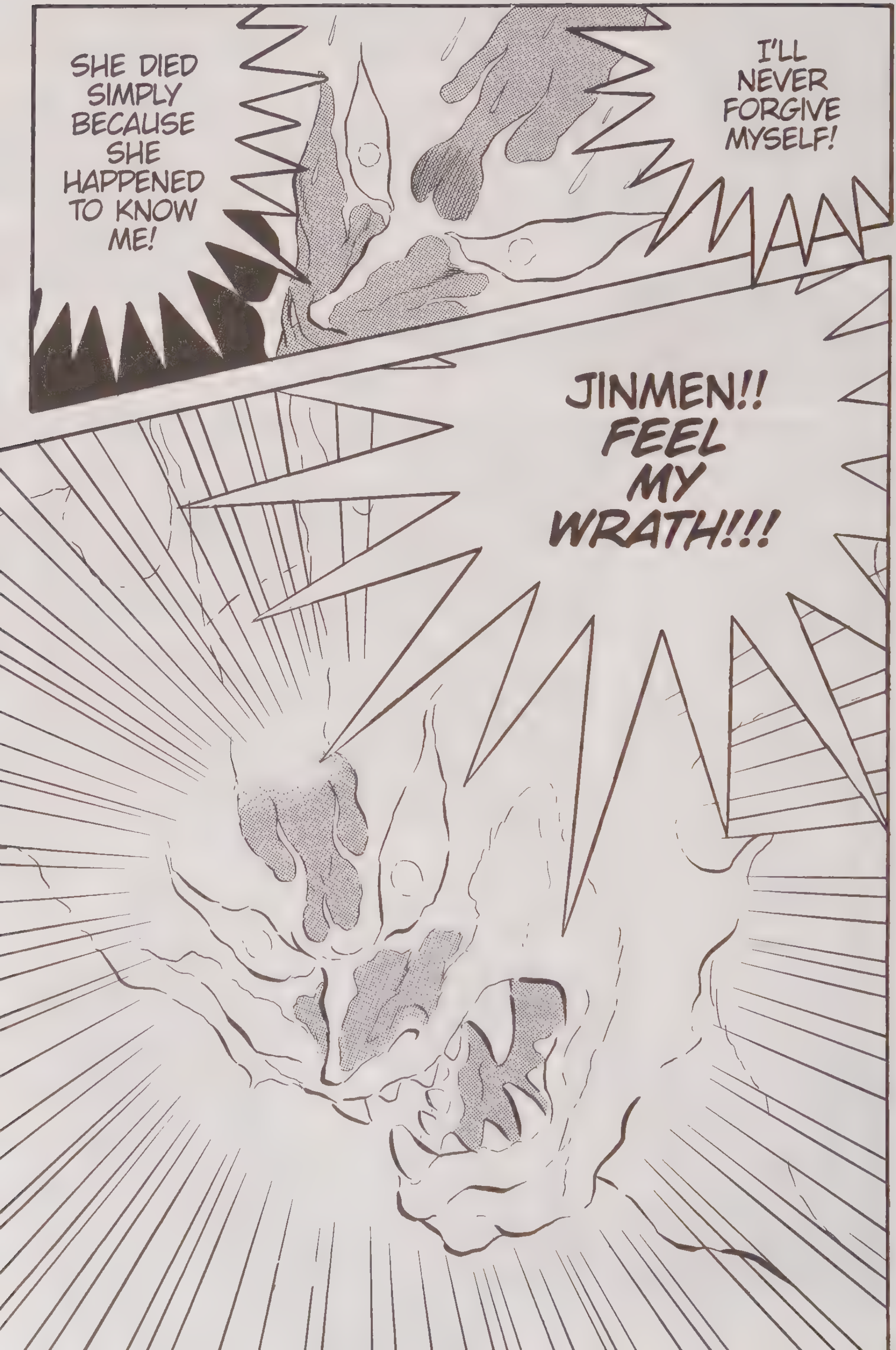

THOSE I DEVOUR APPEAR UPON MY SHELL.
I EAT THEIR SADNESS...
I EAT THEIR PAIN...
IT COURSES THROUGH MY SHELL.
YOUR SWEET GIRL TOO...
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.
GO AHEAD. TAKE A LAST LOOK.
IN TIME SHE WILL FADE, MAKING ROOM FOR *NEW* FACES.
ONII-CHAN!
AKIRA-ONII-CHAN!

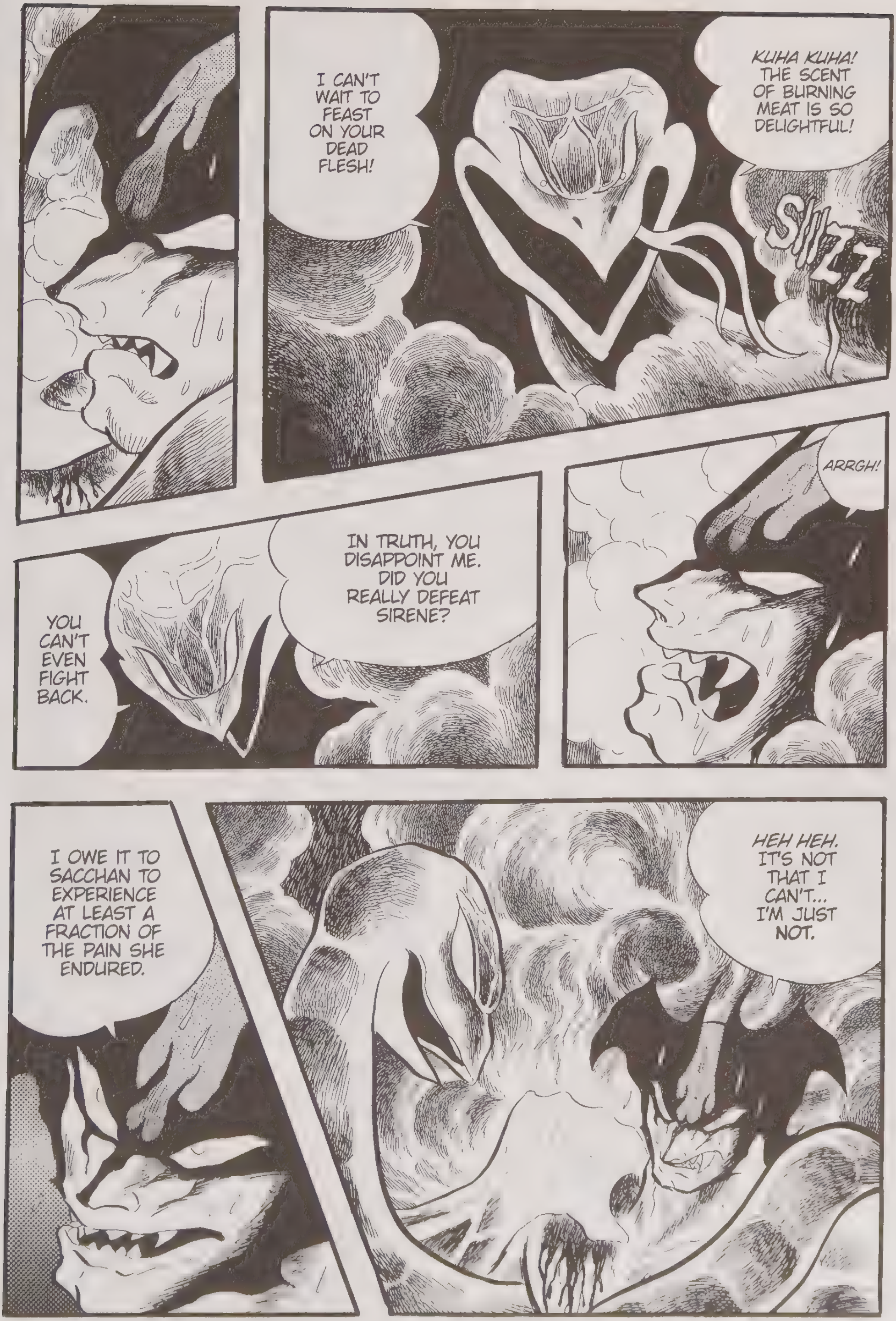

COME, DEVILMAN!
I'LL ADD YOU TO MY SHELL!

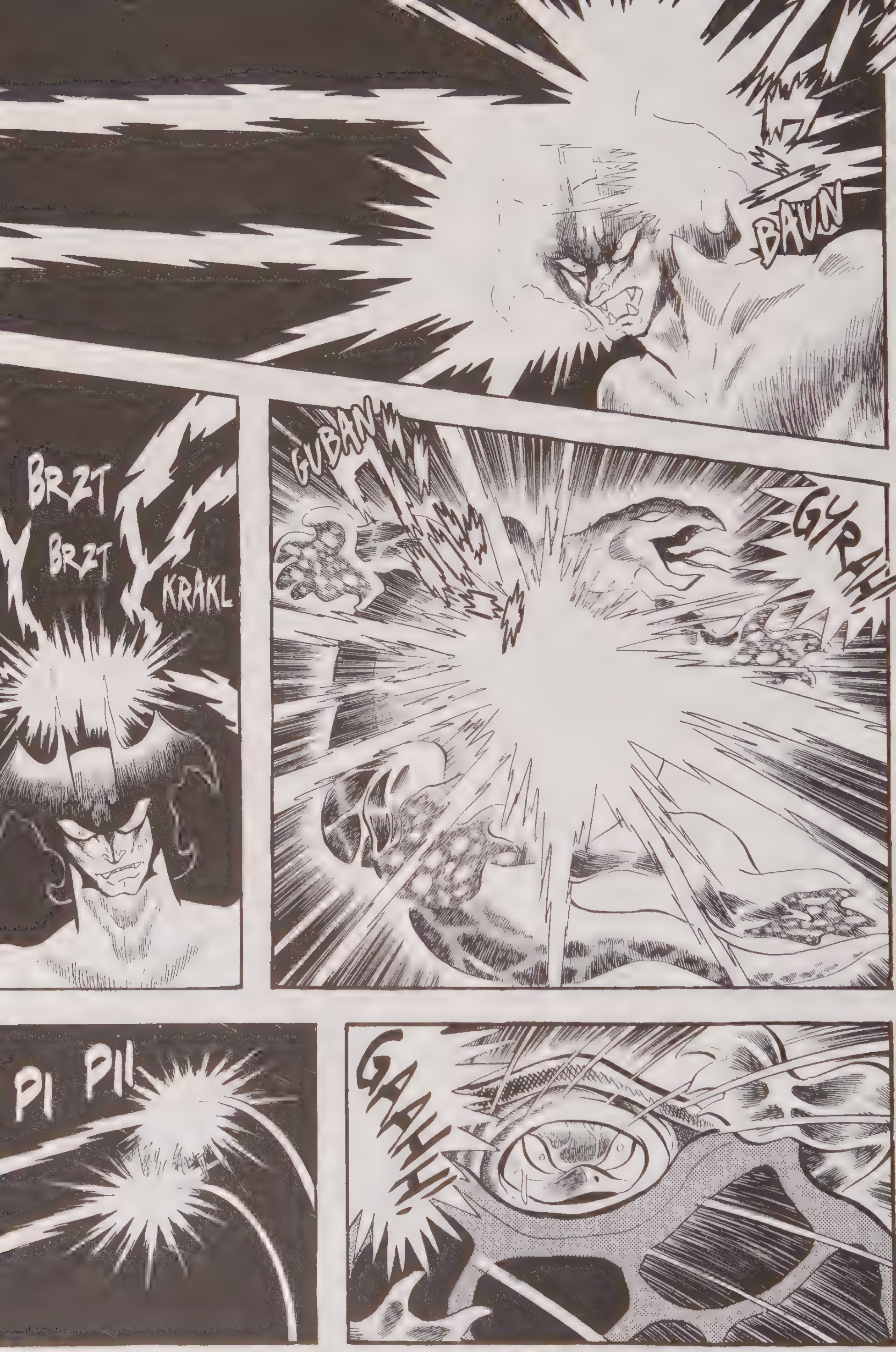

KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, JINMEN!
BZZK
BZZK
BZZK
BZZK

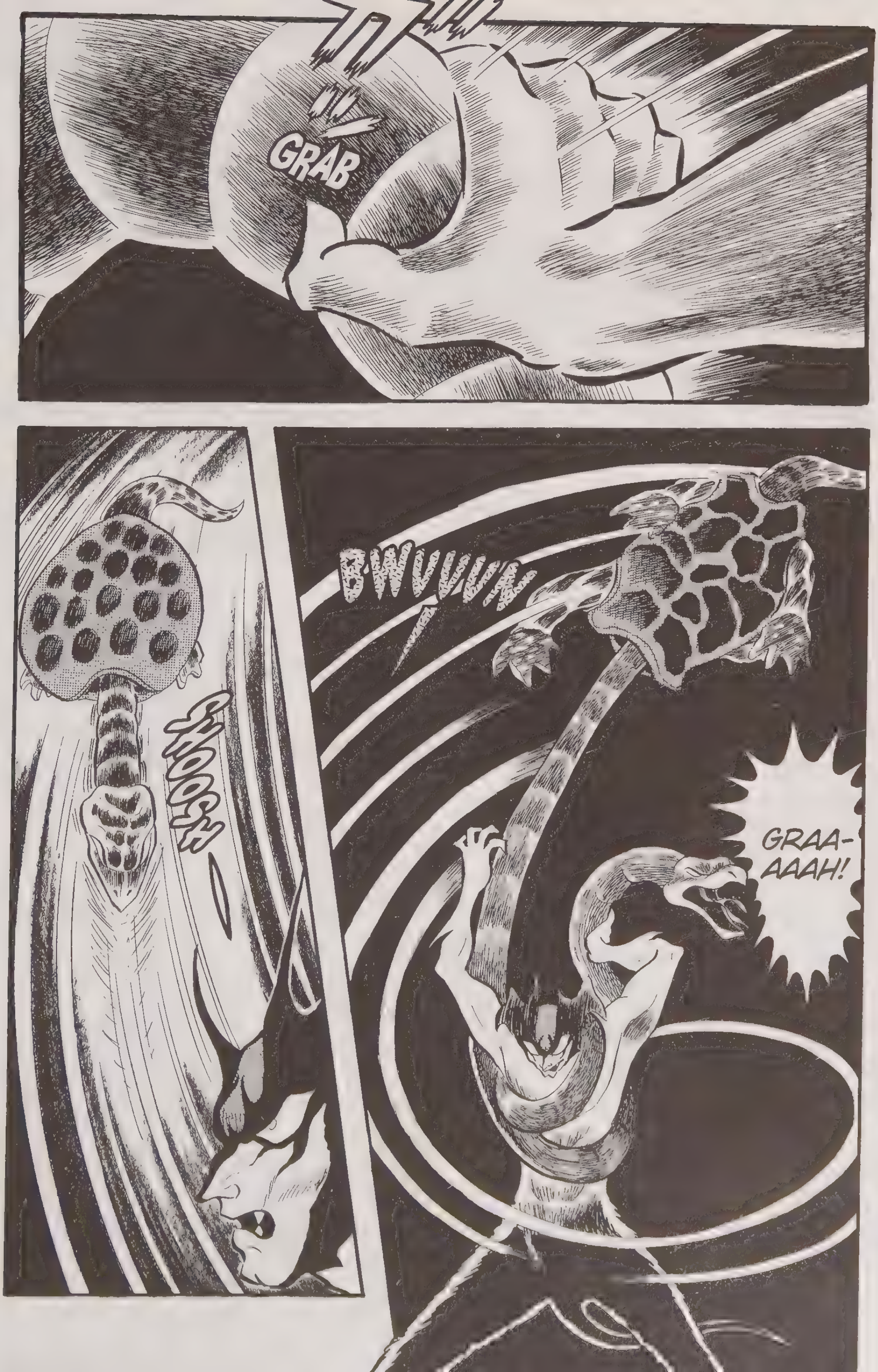

KAAA—
KAHA!
I'LL BURN YOU TO CHARCOAL, DEVILMAN.
BOOF!
FSHRIIIZZZ
FSSS

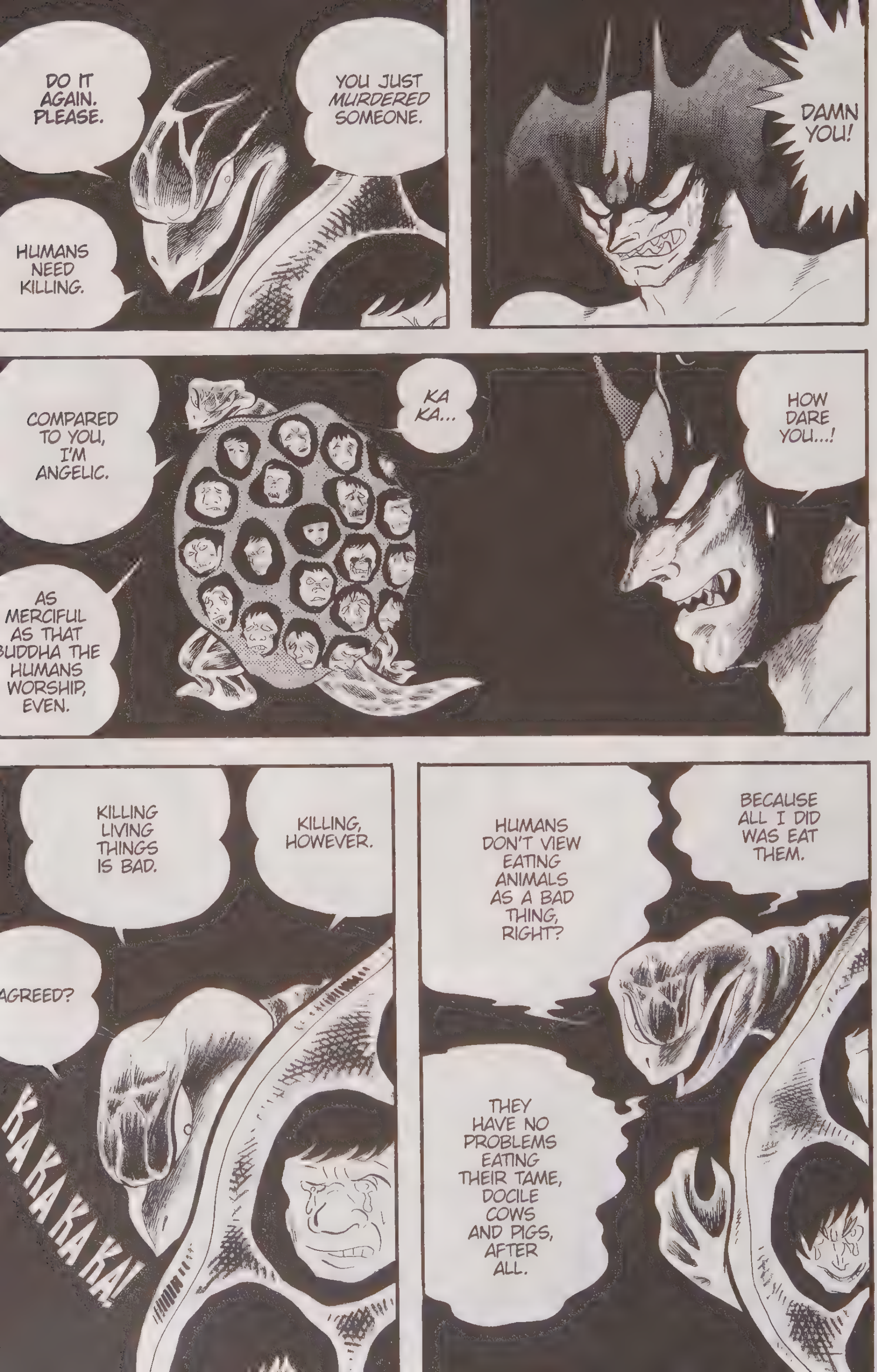

GUBAA
BWISH

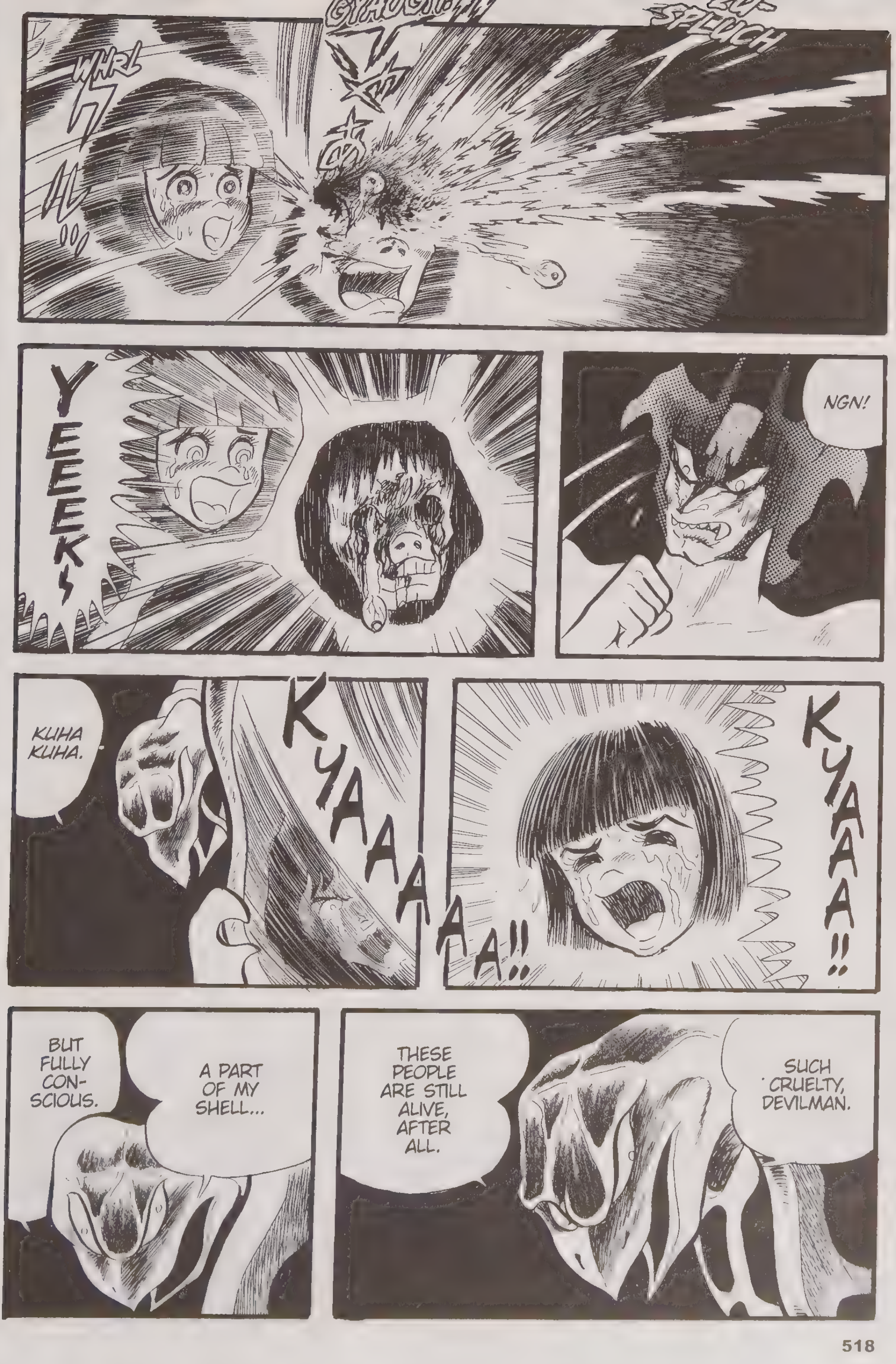

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!
SHE DIED SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE HAPPENED TO KNOW ME!
JINMEN!! *FEEL MY WRATH!!!*

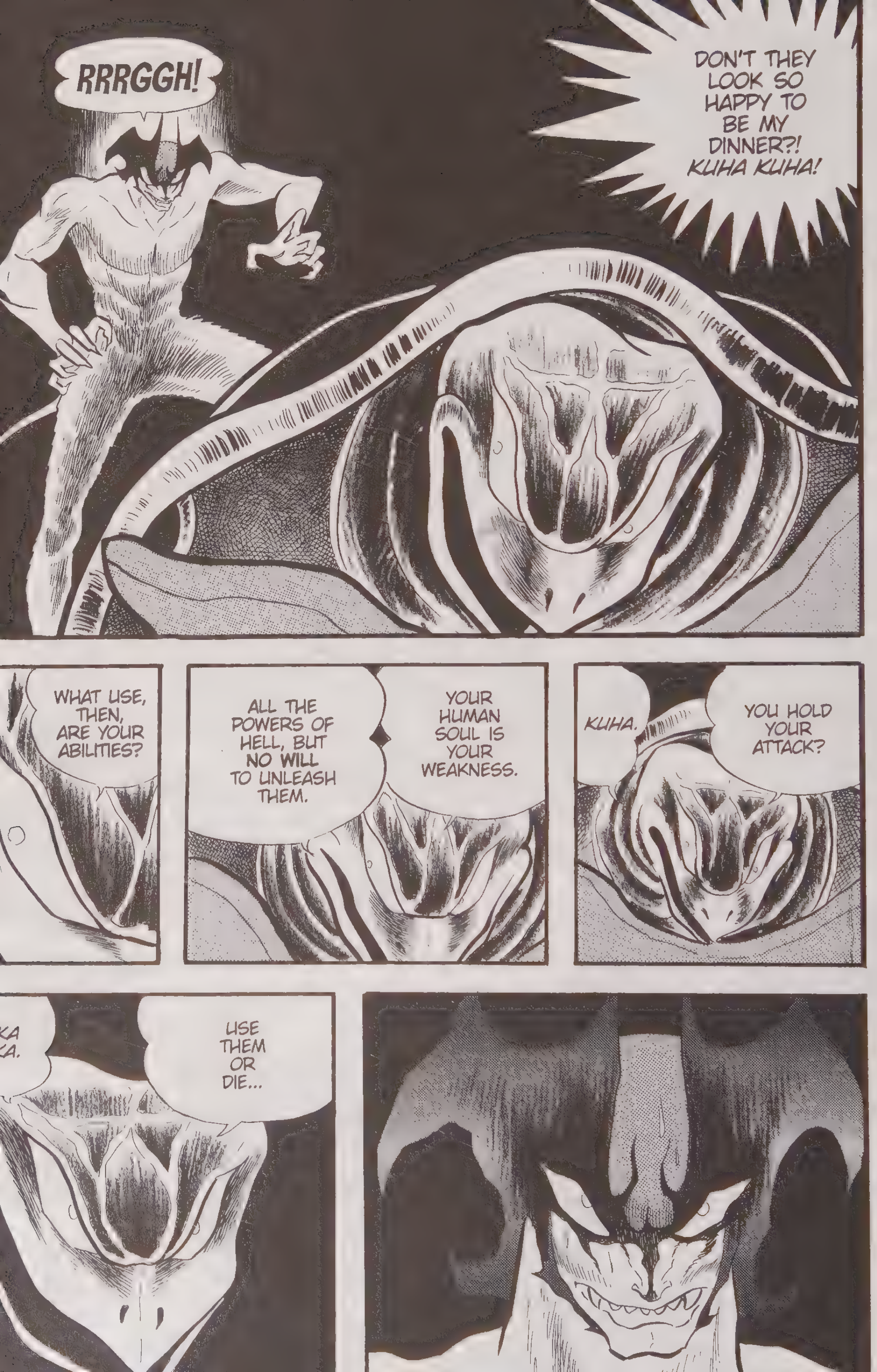

KUHA KUHA! THE SCENT OF BURNING MEAT IS SO DELIGHTFUL!
SHZZ
I CAN'T WAIT TO FEAST ON YOUR DEAD FLESH!
ARRGH!
IN TRUTH, YOU DISAPPOINT ME. DID YOU REALLY DEFEAT SIRENE?
YOU CAN'T EVEN FIGHT BACK.
HEH HEH. IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T... I'M JUST NOT.
I OWE IT TO SACCHAN TO EXPERIENCE AT LEAST A FRACTION OF THE PAIN SHE ENDURED.

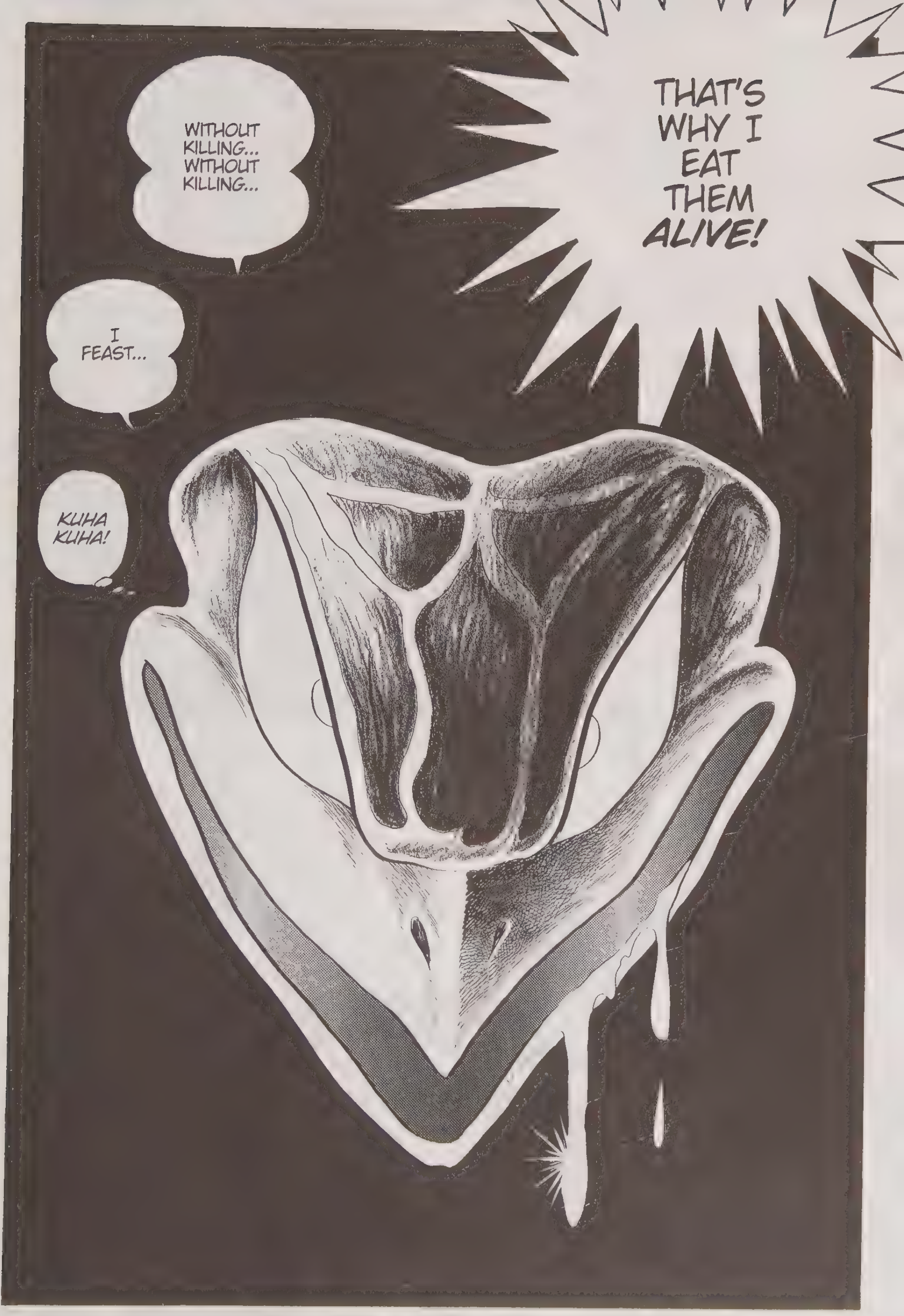

BAUN
GUBAN
GYRAH!
BRZT
BRZT
KRAKL
GAAHH!
PI PI

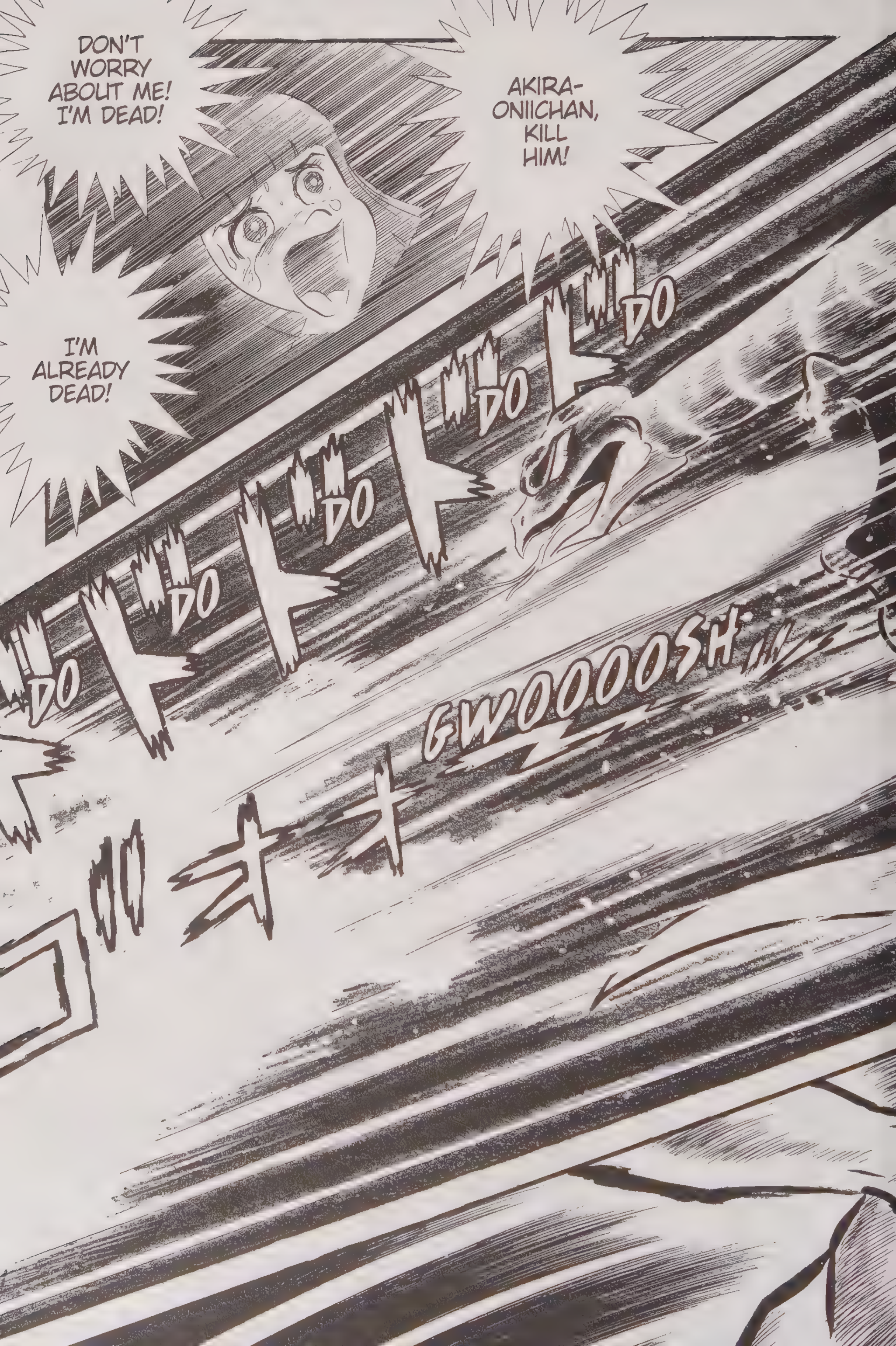

GRAB
WHOOSH
BWVVVN
GRAA-
AAAH!

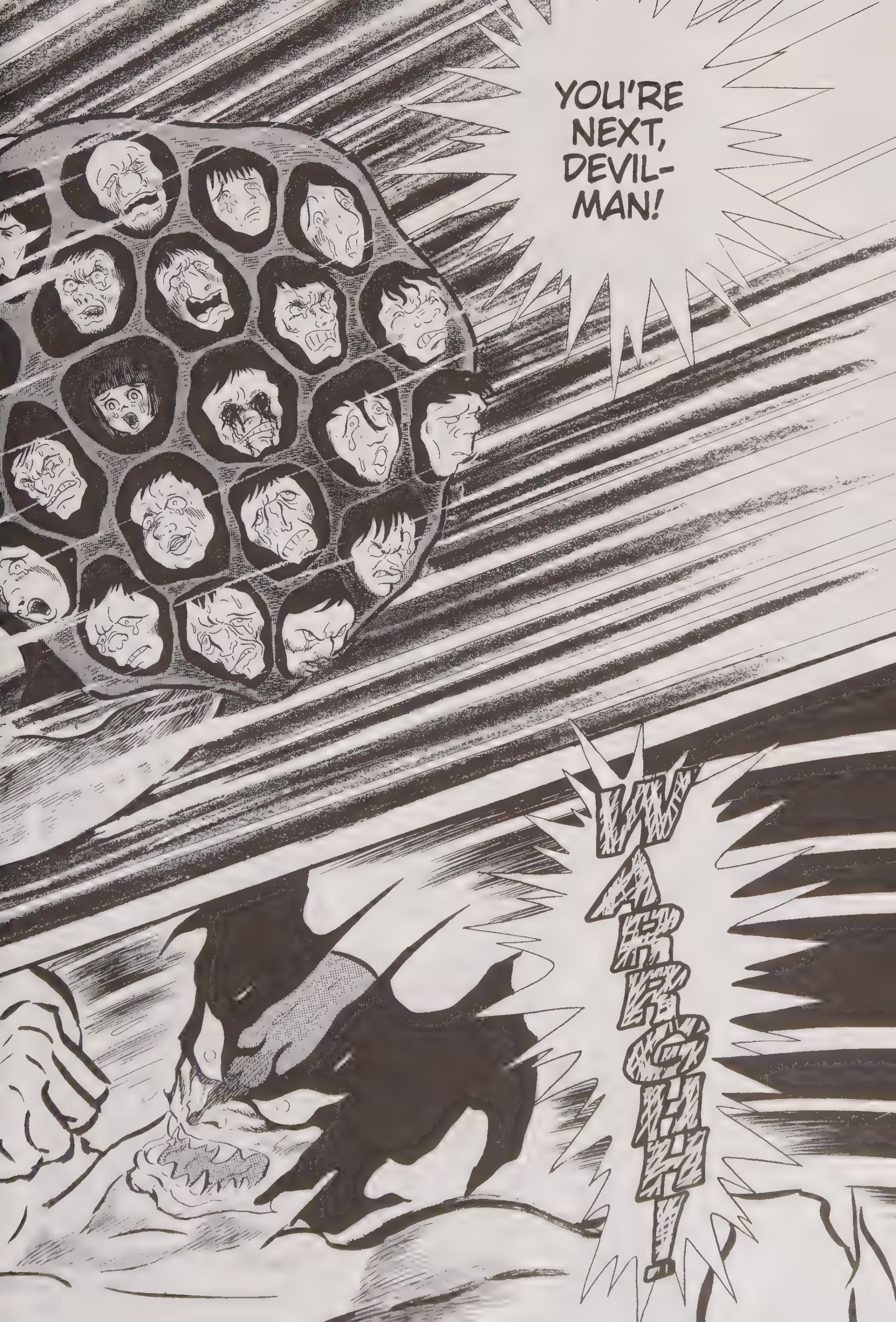

DAMN YOU!
YOU JUST *MURDERED* SOMEONE.
DO IT AGAIN. PLEASE.
HUMANS NEED KILLING.
HOW DARE YOU...!
KA KA...
COMPARED TO YOU, I'M ANGELIC.
AS MERCIFUL AS THAT BUDDHA THE HUMANS WORSHIP, EVEN.
BECAUSE ALL I DID WAS EAT THEM.
HUMANS DON'T VIEW EATING ANIMALS AS A BAD THING, RIGHT?
THEY HAVE NO PROBLEMS EATING THEIR TAME, DOCILE COWS AND PIGS, AFTER ALL.
KILLING, HOWEVER.
KILLING LIVING THINGS IS BAD.
AGREED?
KA KA KA KA KA!

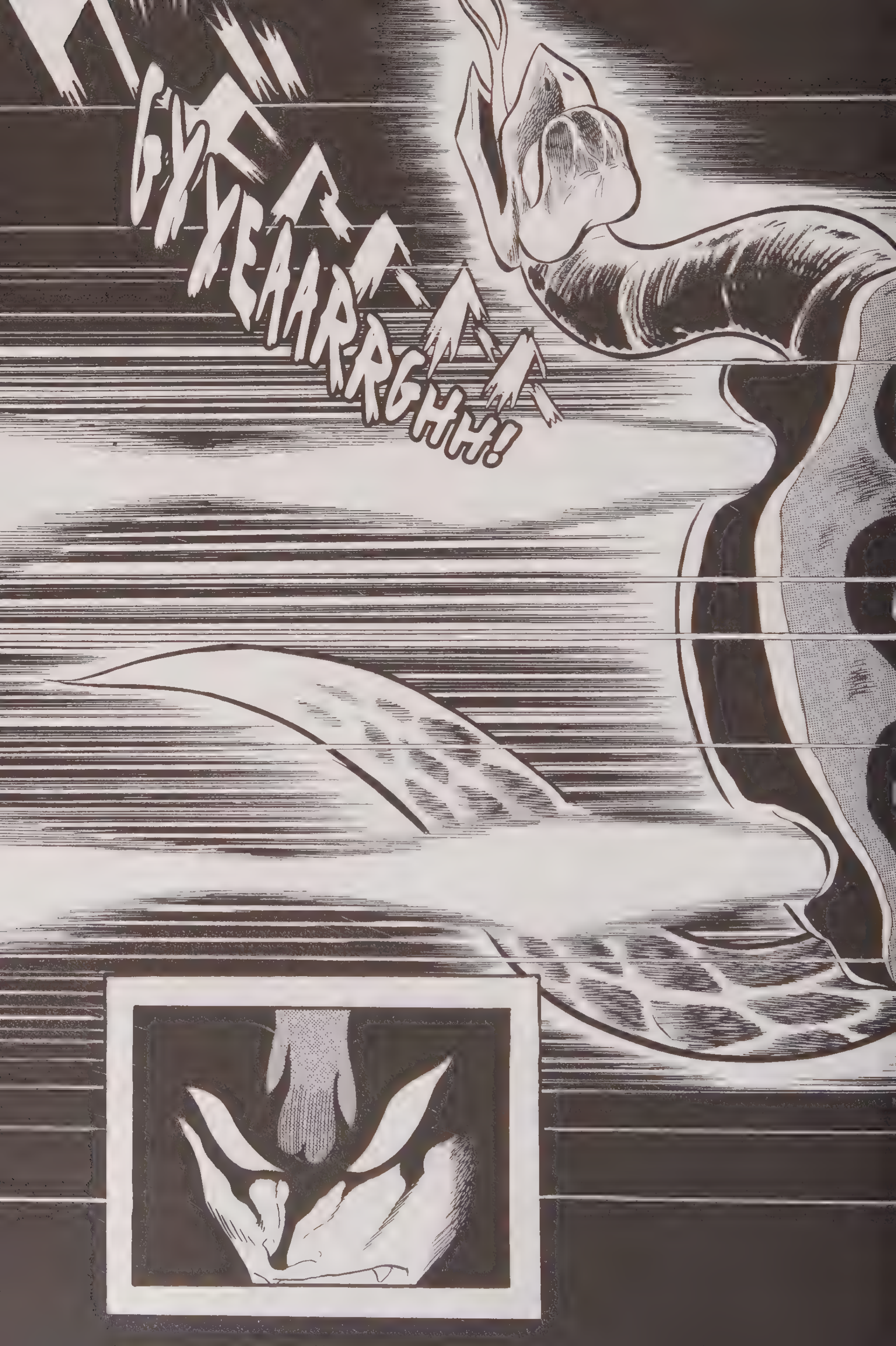

SPLUCH
WHRL
NGN!
YEEEEK
KYAAAA!!
KYAAAAAA!!
KUHA KUHA.
SUCH CRUELTY, DEVILMAN.
THESE PEOPLE ARE STILL ALIVE, AFTER ALL.
A PART OF MY SHELL...
BUT FULLY CONSCIOUS.

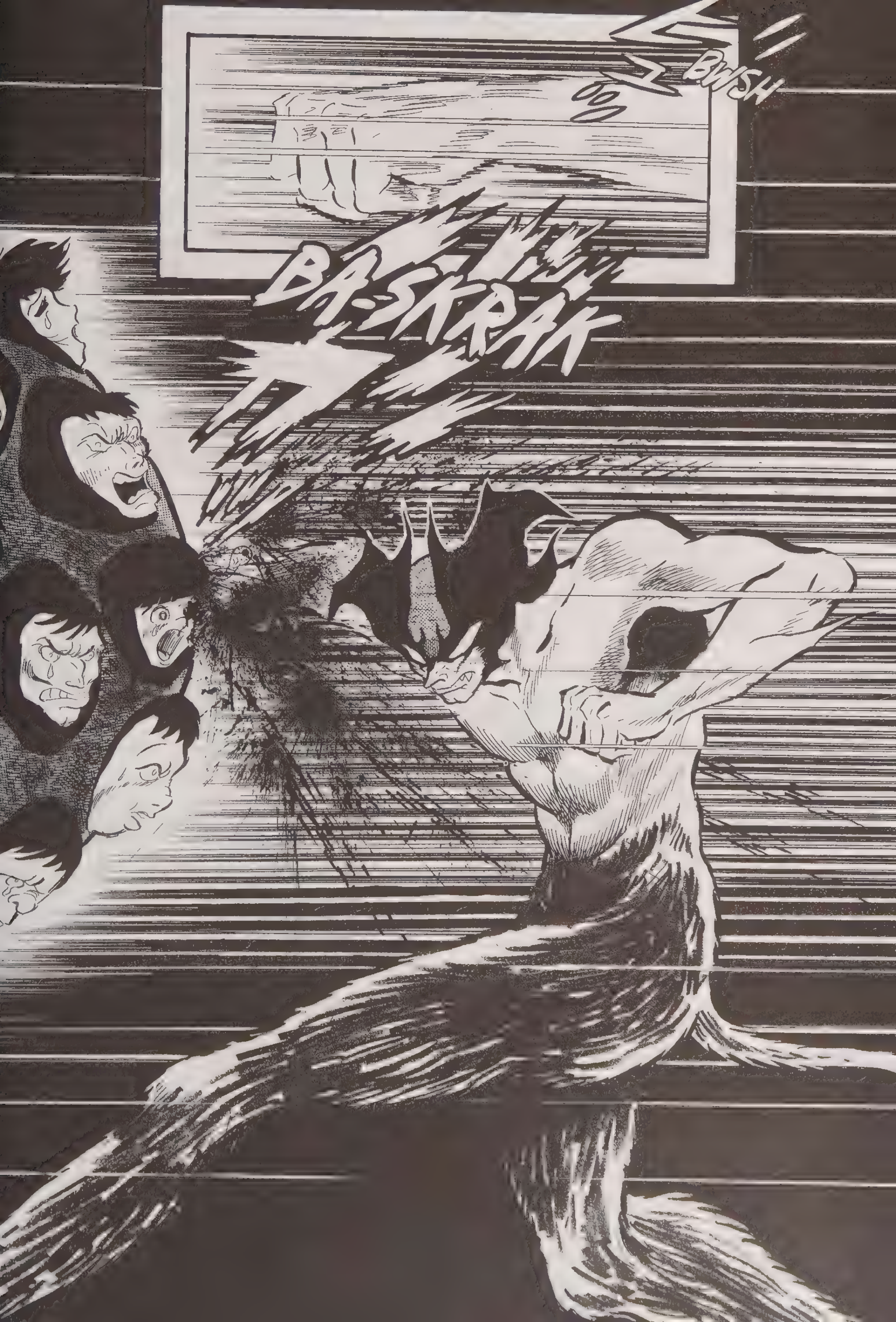

DON'T THEY LOOK SO HAPPY TO BE MY DINNER?! *KUHA KUHA!*
RRRGGH!
YOU HOLD YOUR ATTACK?
KUHA.
YOUR HUMAN SOUL IS YOUR WEAKNESS.
ALL THE POWERS OF HELL, BUT **NO WILL** TO UNLEASH THEM.
WHAT USE, THEN, ARE YOUR ABILITIES?
USE THEM OR DIE...
KA KA.

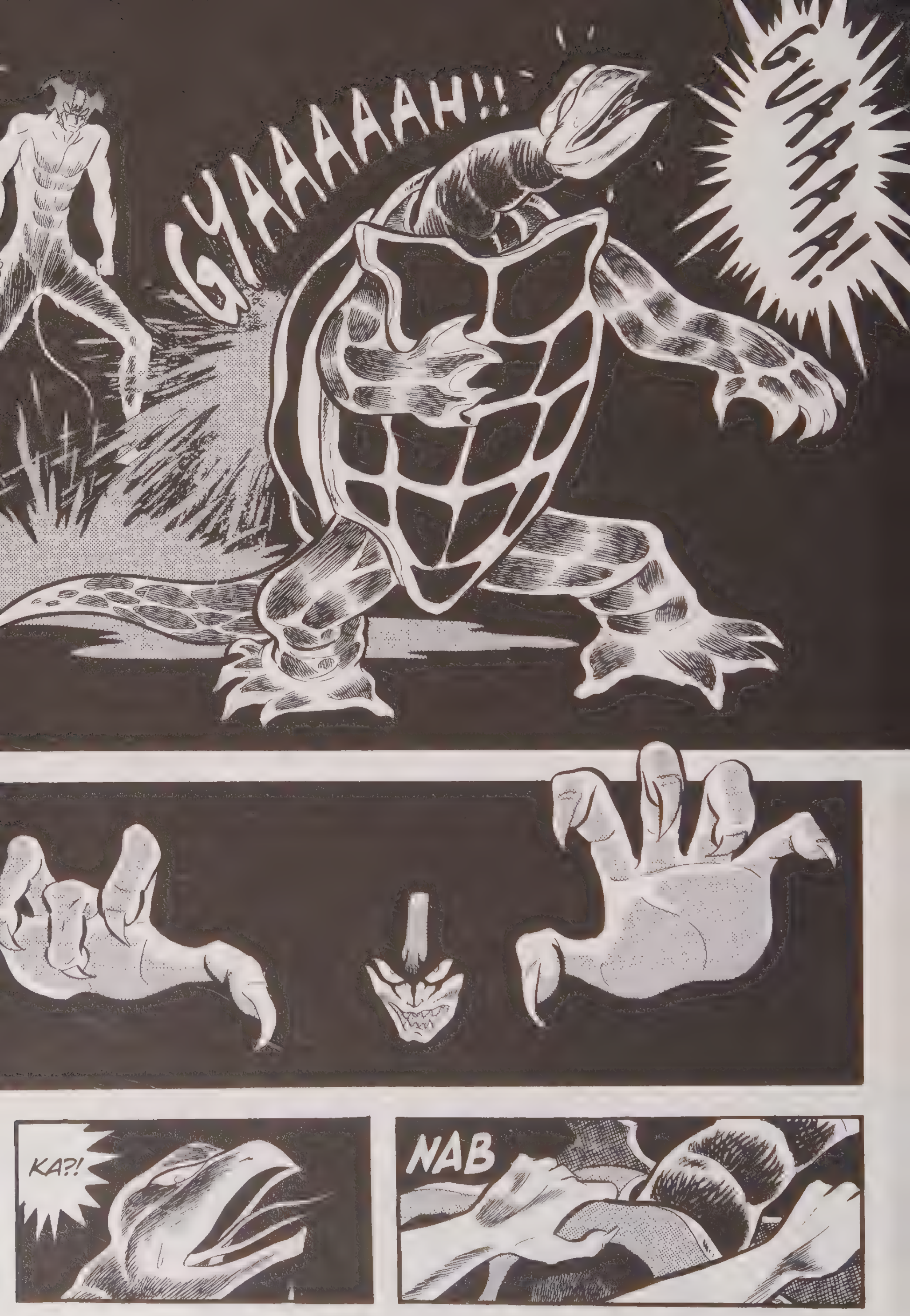

THAT'S WHY I EAT THEM *ALIVE!*
WITHOUT KILLING... WITHOUT KILLING...
I FEAST...
KUHA KUHA!

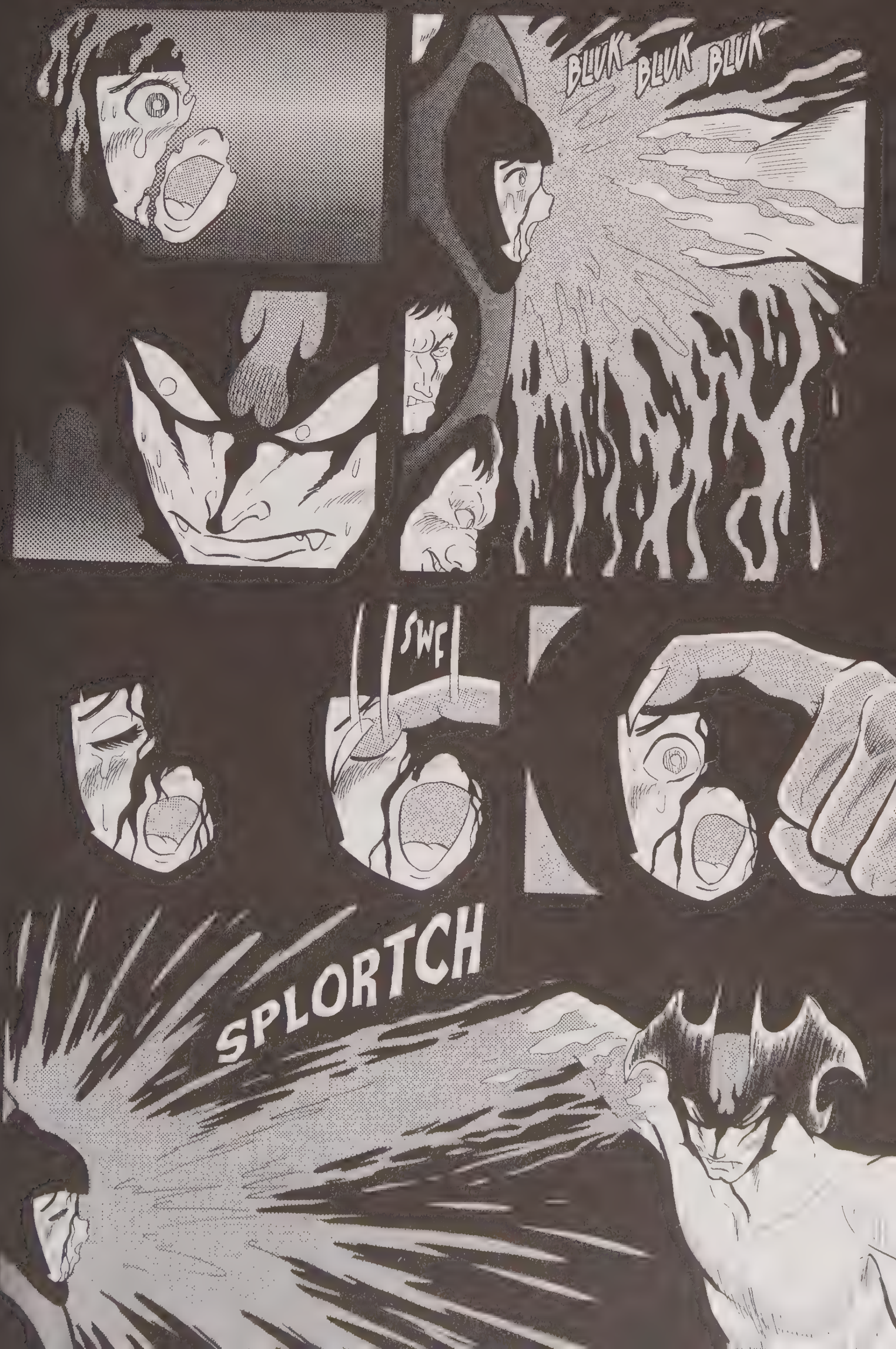

AKIRA-ONIICHAN, KILL HIM!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M DEAD!
I'M ALREADY DEAD!
DO DO DO DO DO
GWOOOOOSH

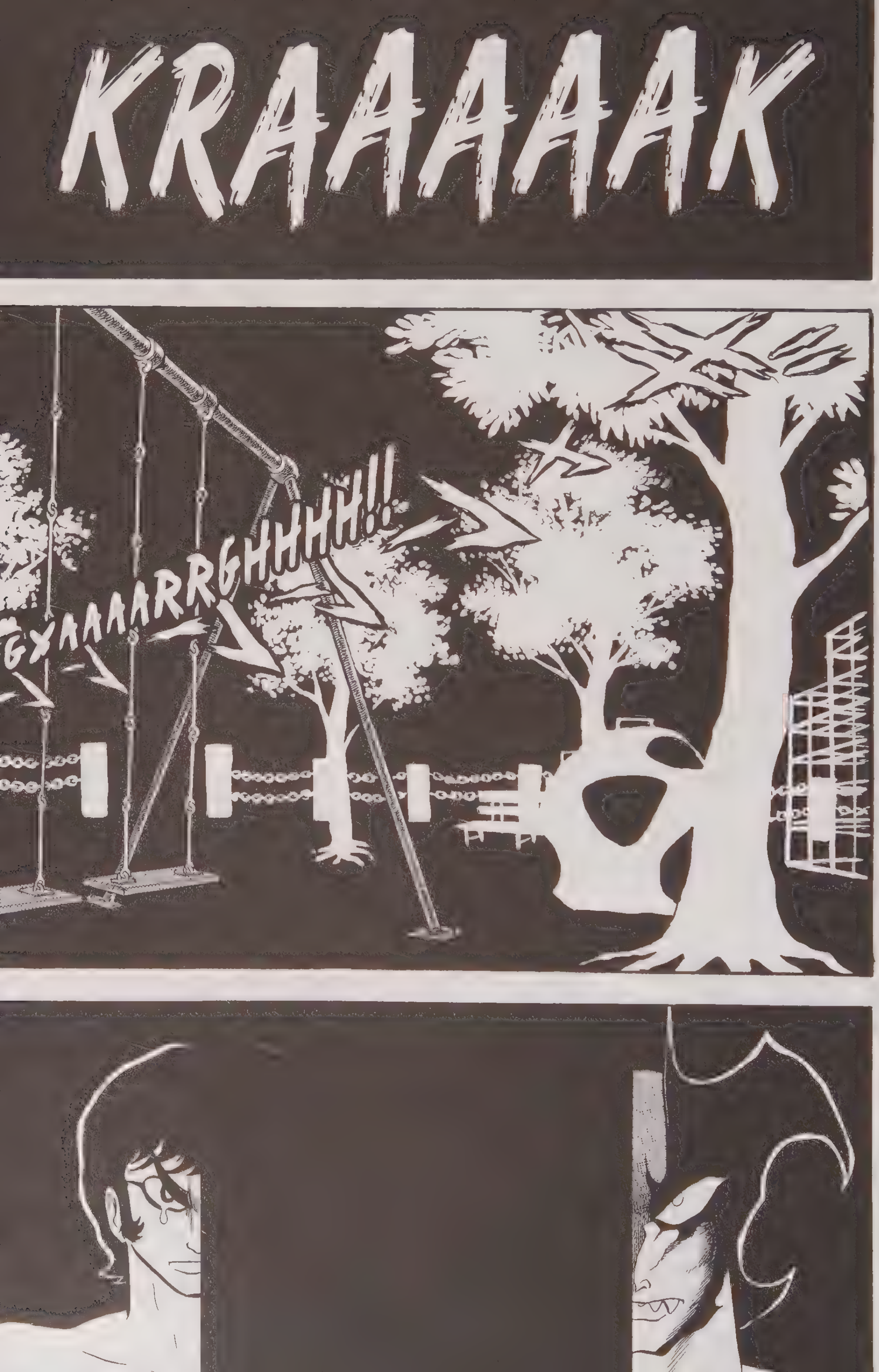

YOU'RE NEXT, DEVIL-MAN!
WARRGHHH!

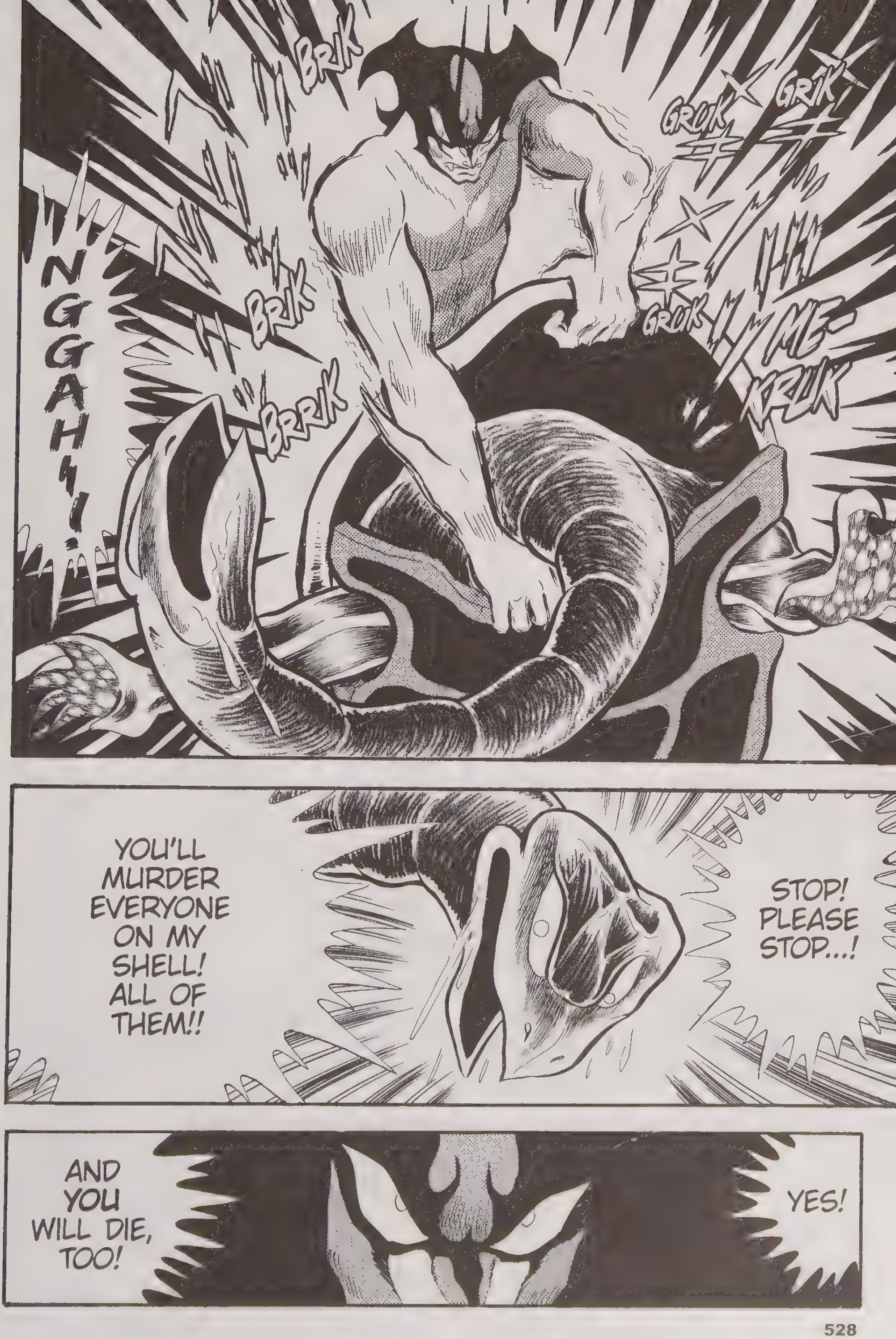

GYYEAARRGHH!

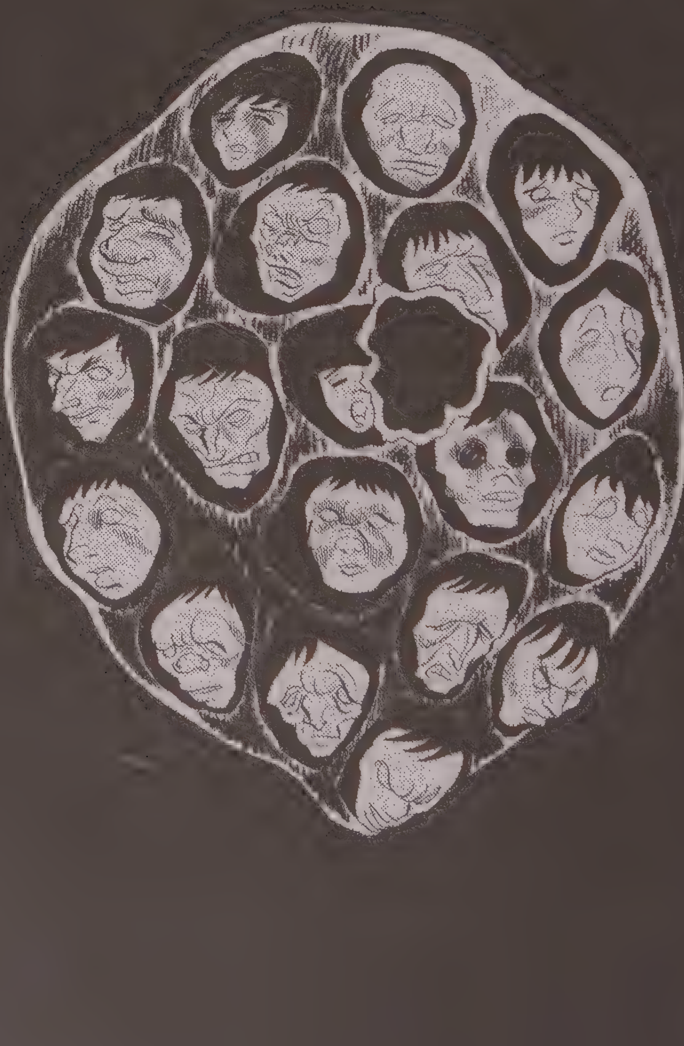

BWISH
BA-SKRAK

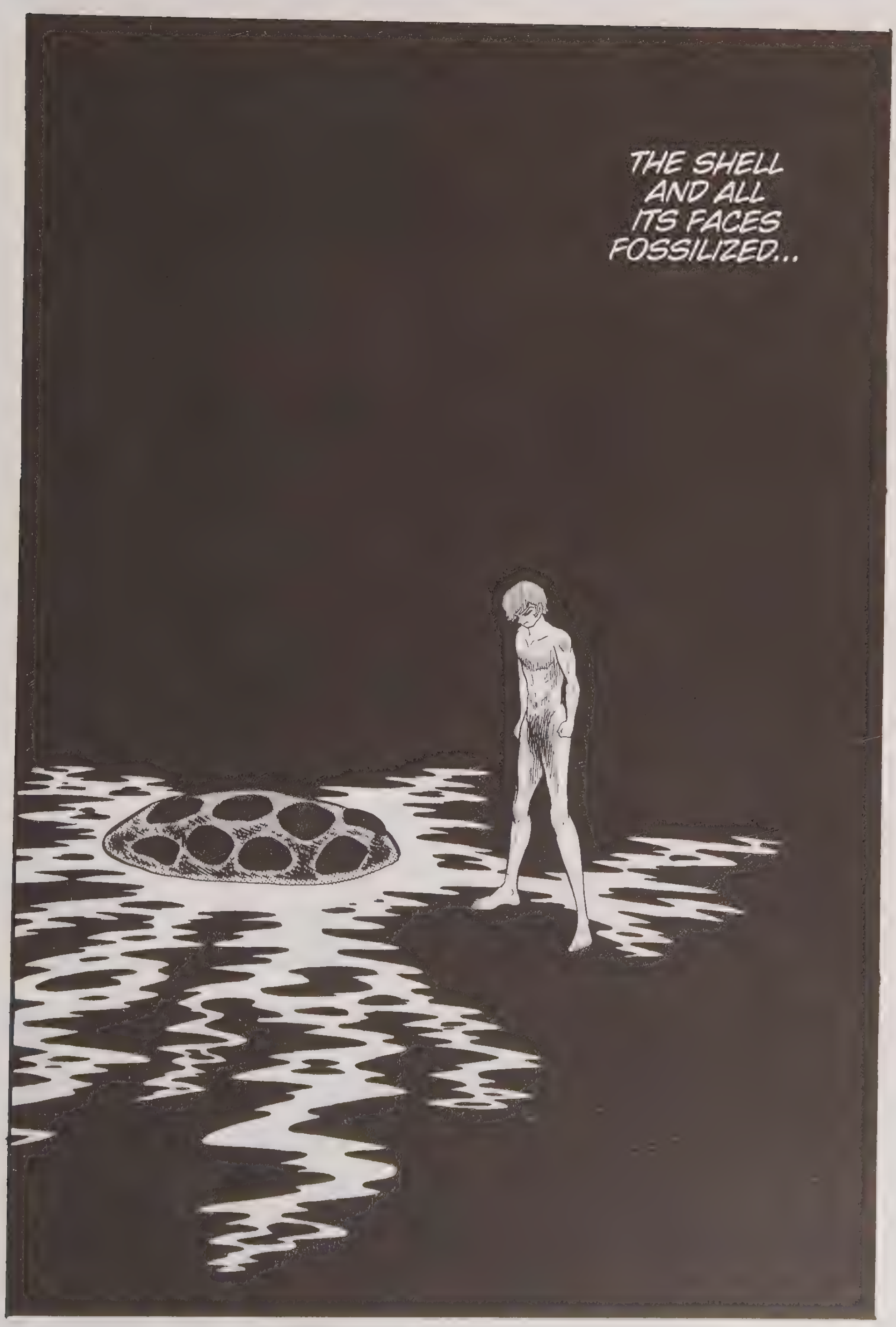

GYAAAAAH!!
GUAAAA!
KA?!
NAB


BLUK BLUK BLUK
SWF
SPLORTCH

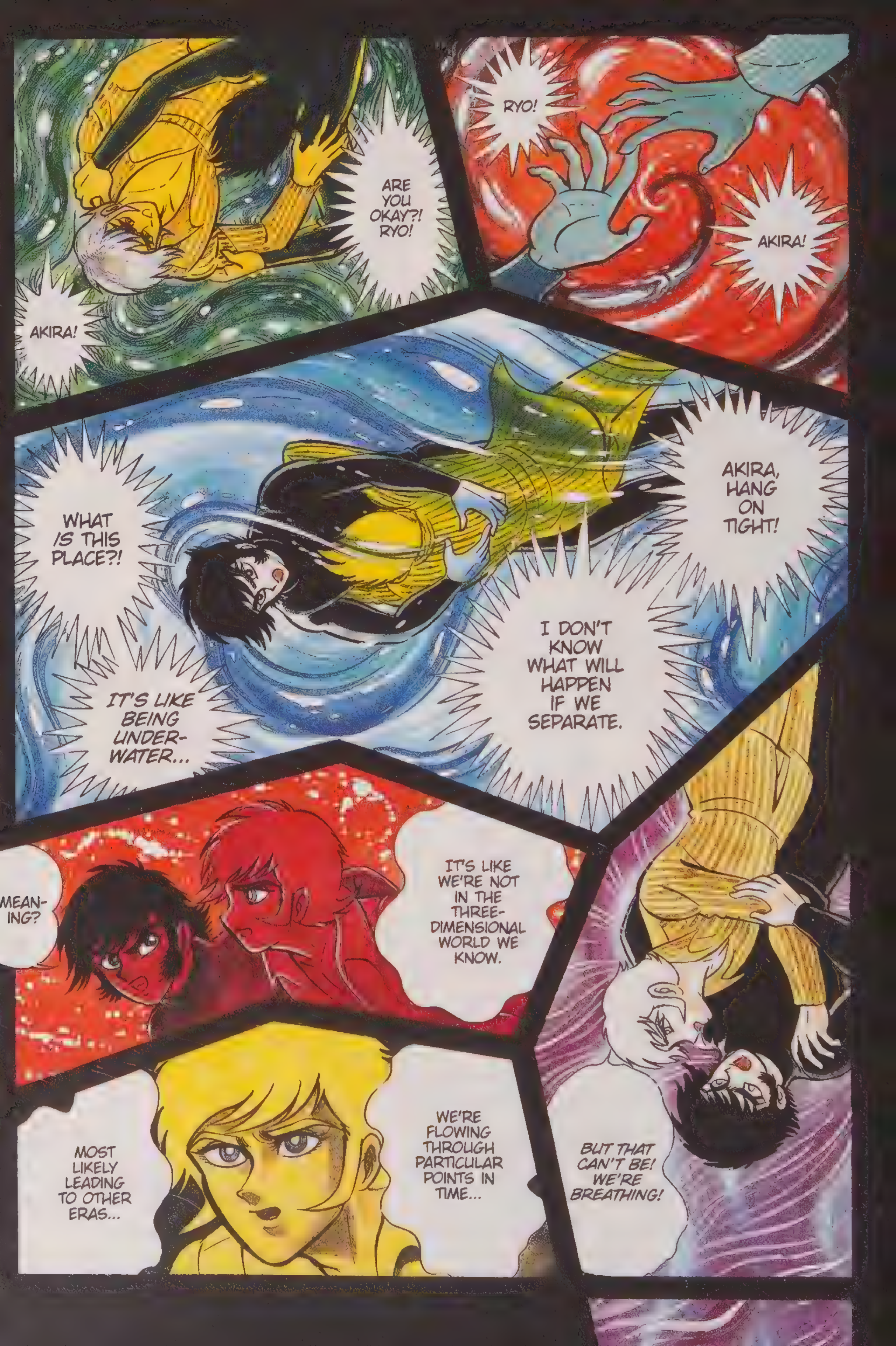

KRAAAAAK
GYAAAAARRGHHHHH!!


BRIK
GRIK
GRUK
GRUK
ME-KRUK
BRIK
BRRIK
NGGAH!!
STOP! PLEASE STOP...!
YOU'LL MURDER EVERYONE ON MY SHELL! ALL OF THEM!!
YES!
AND YOU WILL DIE, TOO!


JINMEN'S SHELL TRANSFORMED INTO A MASSIVE DEATH MASK-- A MASK OF SORROW.


THE SHELL AND ALL ITS FACES FOSSILIZED...

DEVILMAN


RYO!
AKIRA!
ARE YOU OKAY?! RYO!
AKIRA!
AKIRA, HANG ON TIGHT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE SEPARATE.
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?!
IT'S LIKE BEING UNDERWATER...
BUT THAT CAN'T BE! WE'RE BREATHING!
IT'S LIKE WE'RE NOT IN THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORLD WE KNOW.
MEANING?
WE'RE FLOWING THROUGH PARTICULAR POINTS IN TIME...
MOST LIKELY LEADING TO OTHER ERAS...

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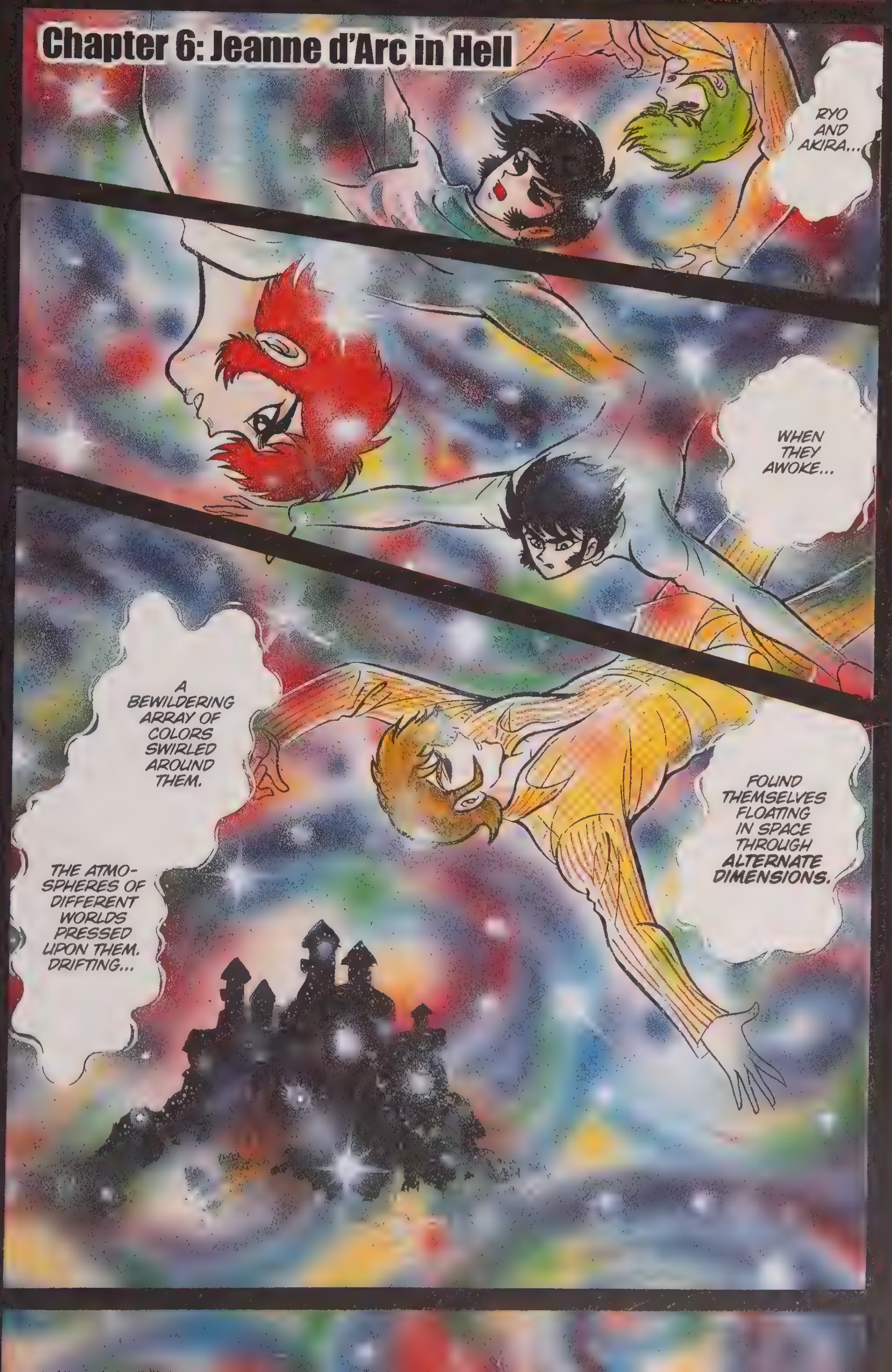
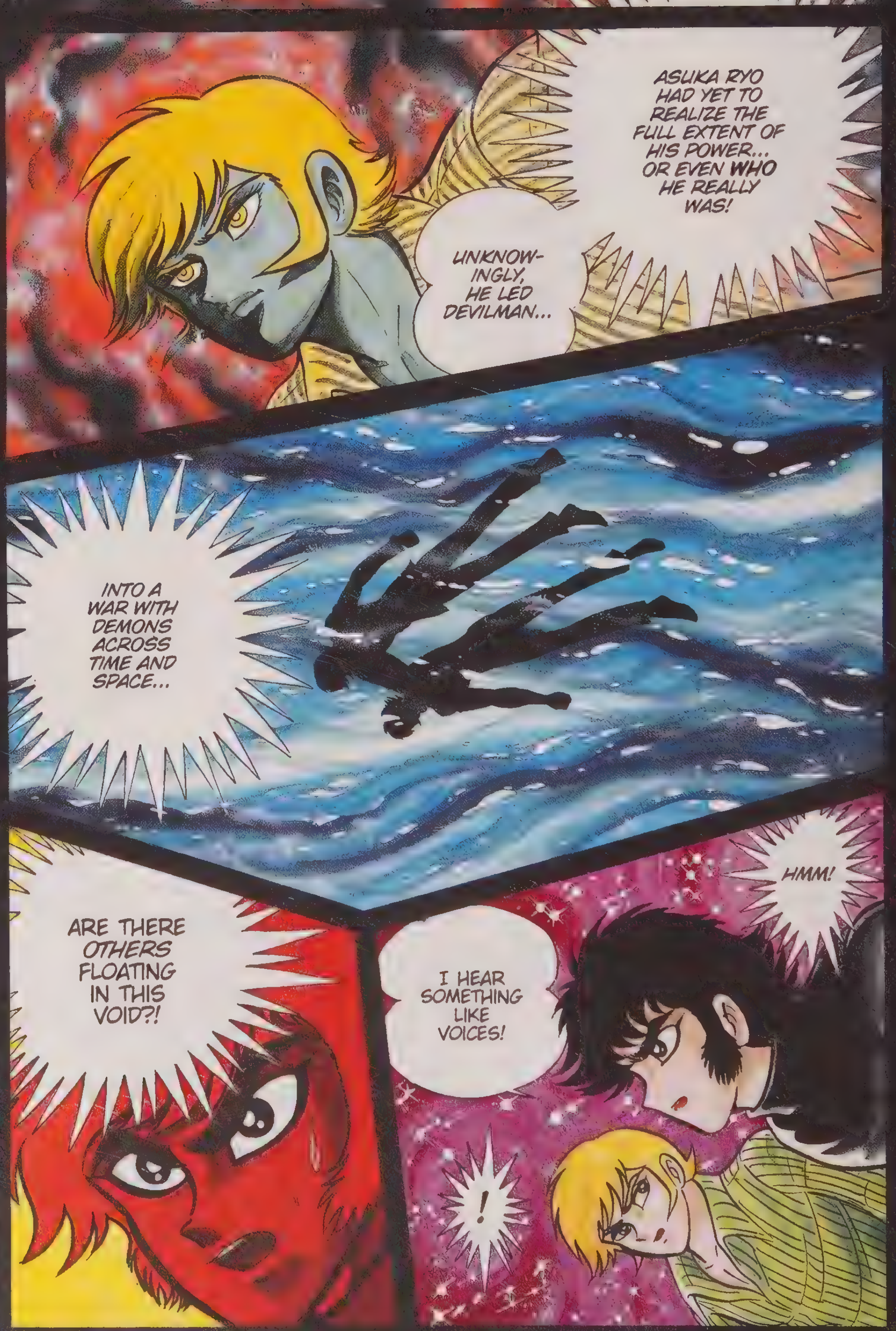
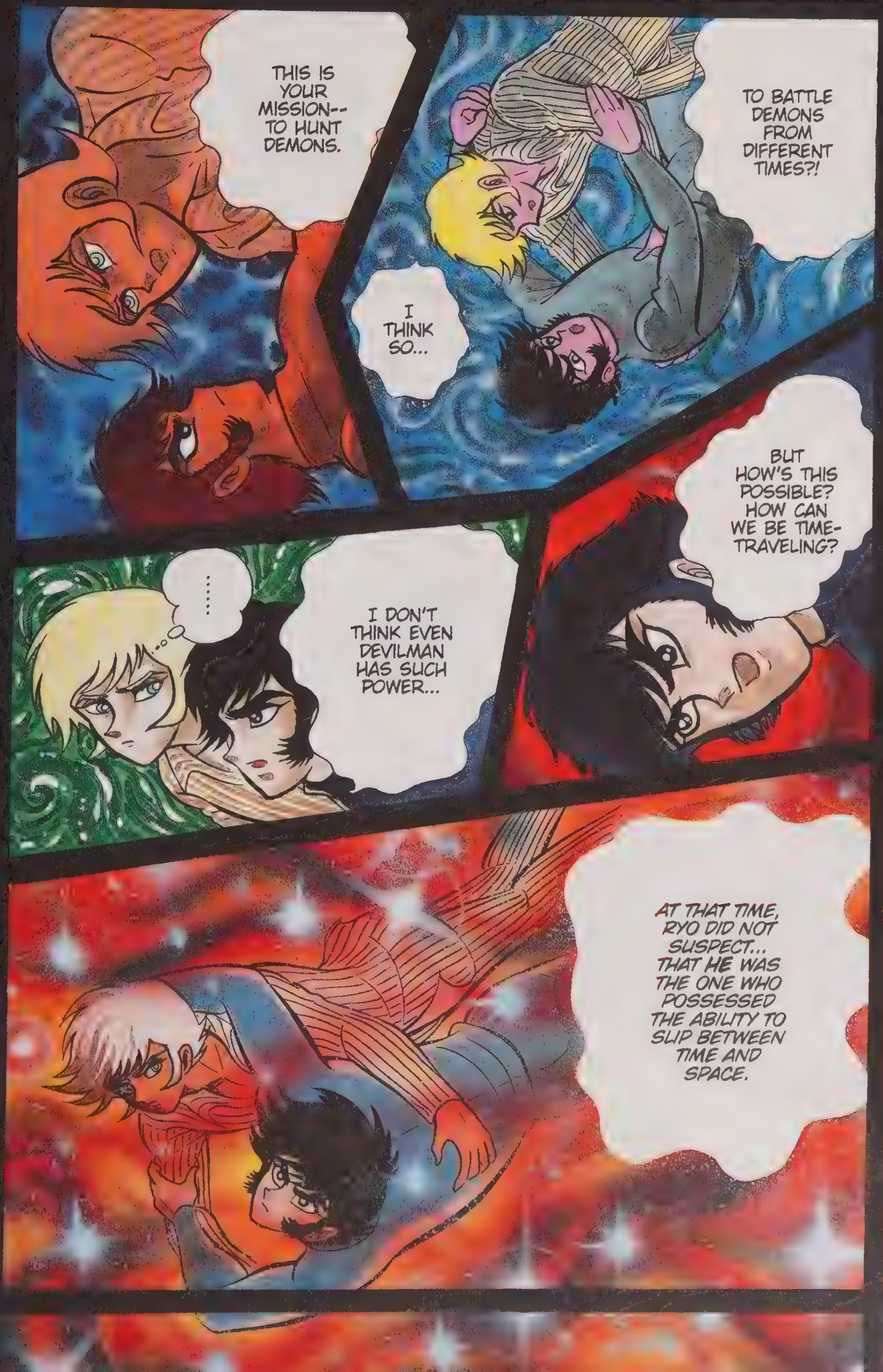

RYO AND AKIRA...
WHEN THEY AWOKE...
FOUND THEMSELVES FLOATING IN SPACE THROUGH **ALTERNATE DIMENSIONS.**
A BEWILDERING ARRAY OF COLORS SWIRLED AROUND THEM.
THE ATMOSPHERES OF DIFFERENT WORLDS PRESSED UPON THEM. DRIFTING...


ASUKA RYO HAD YET TO REALIZE THE FULL EXTENT OF HIS POWER... OR EVEN **WHO** HE REALLY WAS!
UNKNOWINGLY, HE LED DEVILMAN...
INTO A WAR WITH DEMONS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE...
ARE THERE OTHERS FLOATING IN THIS VOID?!
HMM!
I HEAR SOMETHING LIKE VOICES!
!


TO BATTLE DEMONS FROM DIFFERENT TIMES?!
THIS IS YOUR MISSION-- TO HUNT DEMONS.
I THINK SO...
BUT HOW'S THIS POSSIBLE? HOW CAN WE BE TIME-TRAVELING?
I DON'T THINK EVEN DEVILMAN HAS SUCH POWER...
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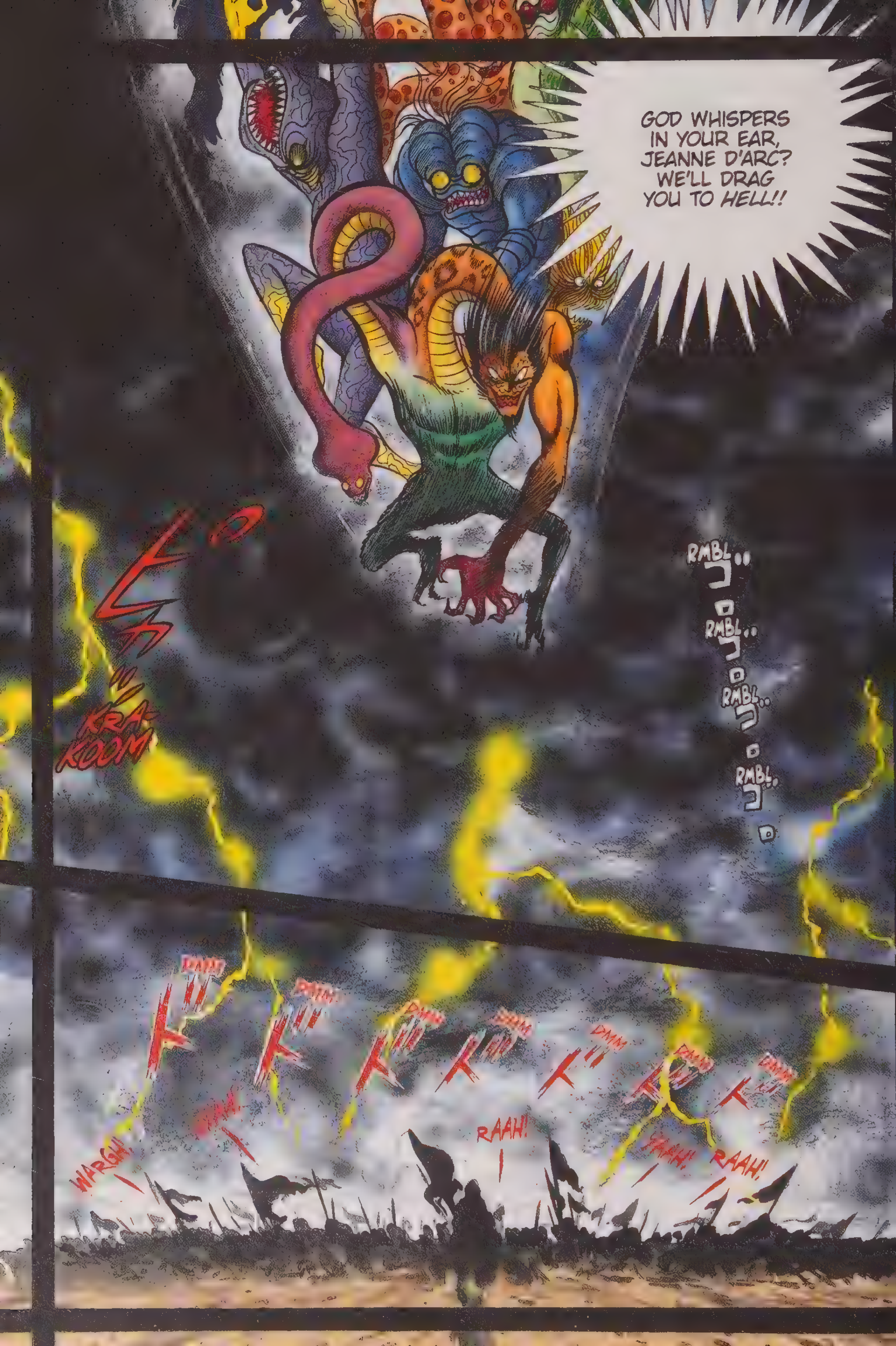
AT THAT TIME, RYO DID NOT SUSPECT... THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO POSSESSED THE ABILITY TO SLIP BETWEEN TIME AND SPACE.


GOD WHISPERS IN YOUR EAR, JEANNE D'ARC? WE'LL DRAG YOU TO *HELL!!*
KRA-KOOM
RMBL.. ゴロ
RMBL.. ゴロ
RMBL.. ゴロ
RMBL.. ゴロ
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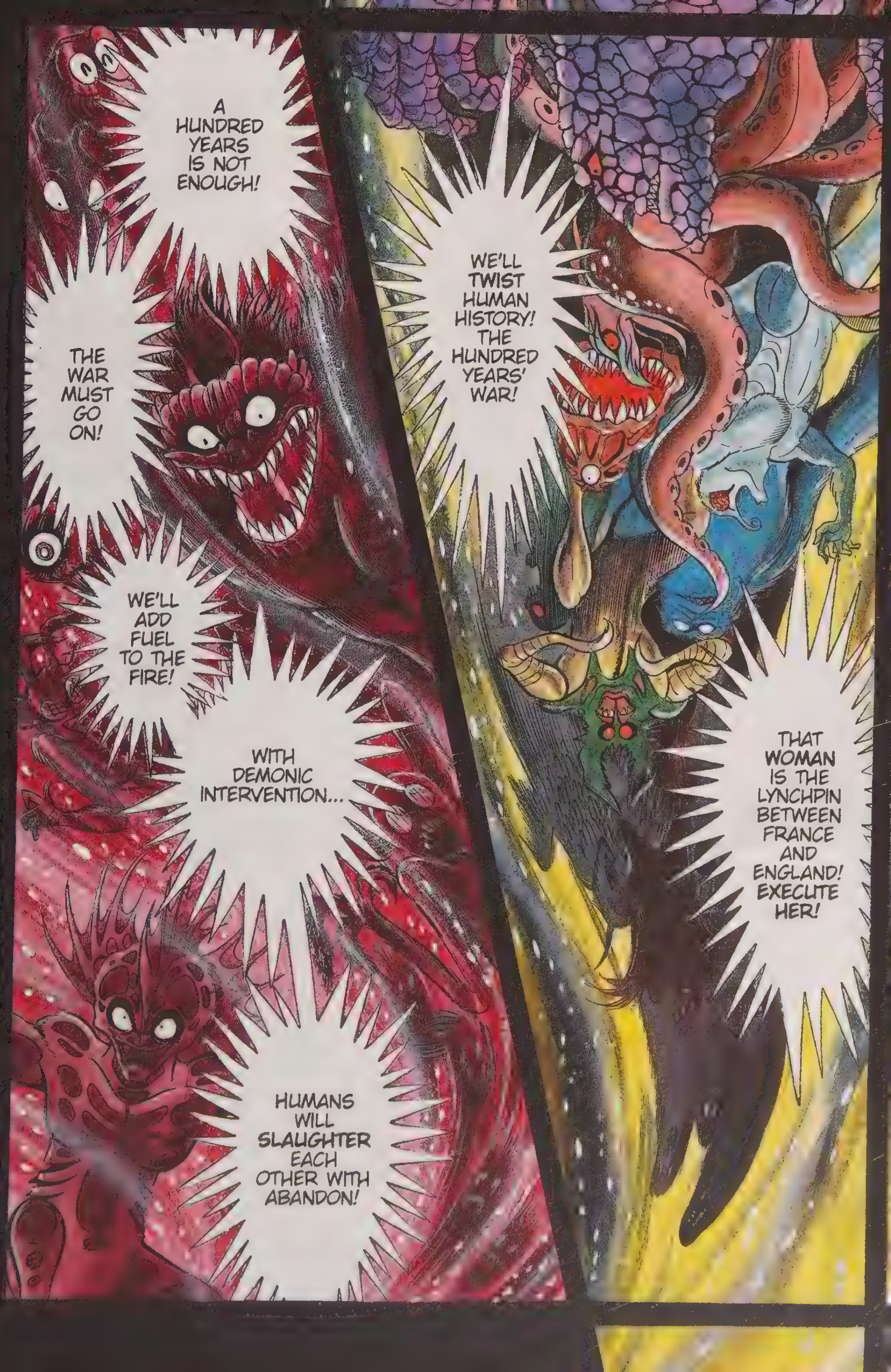
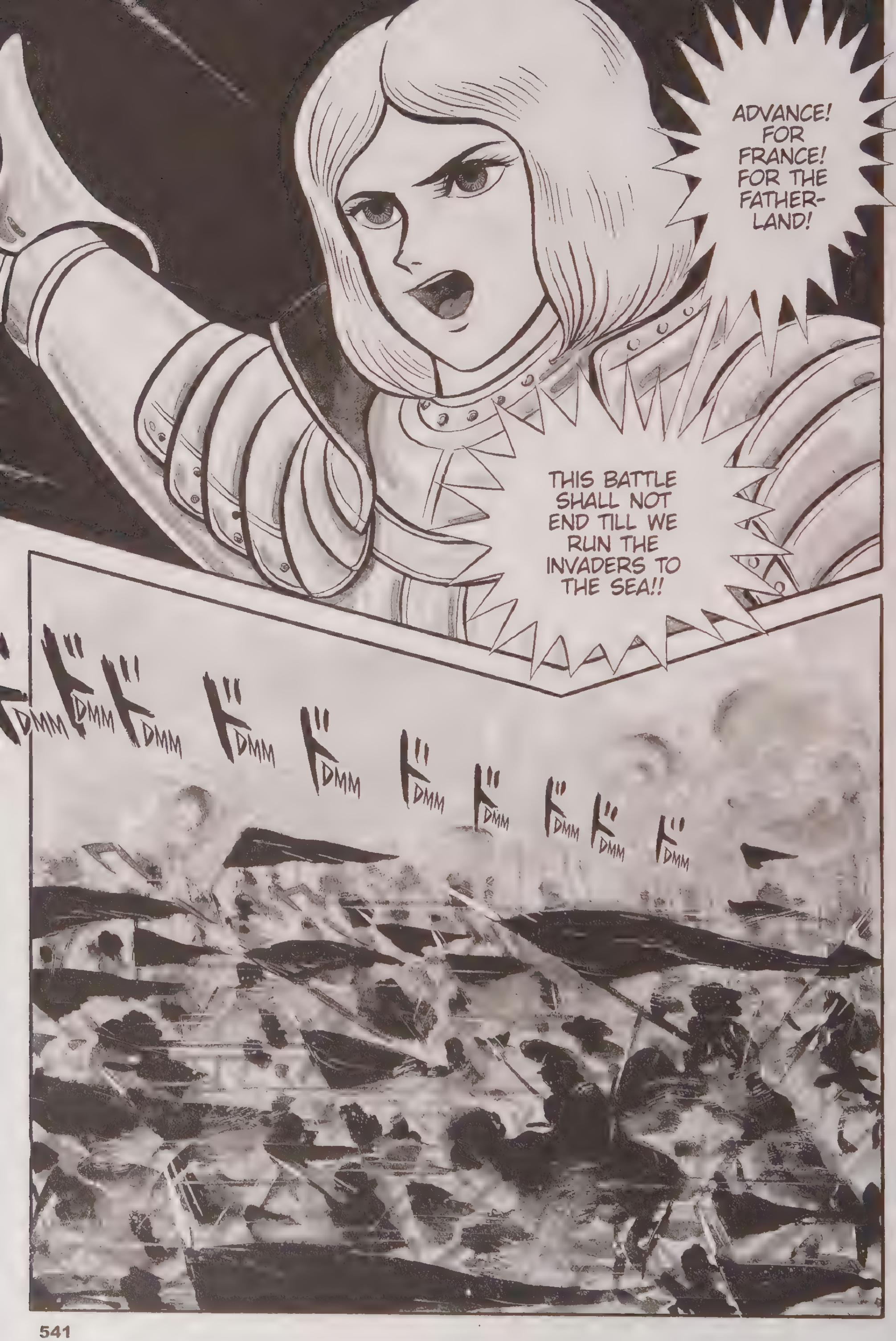
WARGH!
WAAA!
RAAH!
YAAH!
RAAH!


WE'LL TWIST HUMAN HISTORY! THE HUNDRED YEARS' WAR!
THAT WOMAN IS THE LYNCHPIN BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND! EXECUTE HER!
A HUNDRED YEARS IS NOT ENOUGH!
THE WAR MUST GO ON!
WE'LL ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE!
WITH DEMONIC INTERVENTION...
HUMANS WILL SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER WITH ABANDON!


ADVANCE! FOR FRANCE! FOR THE FATHERLAND!
THIS BATTLE SHALL NOT END TILL WE RUN THE INVADERS TO THE SEA!!
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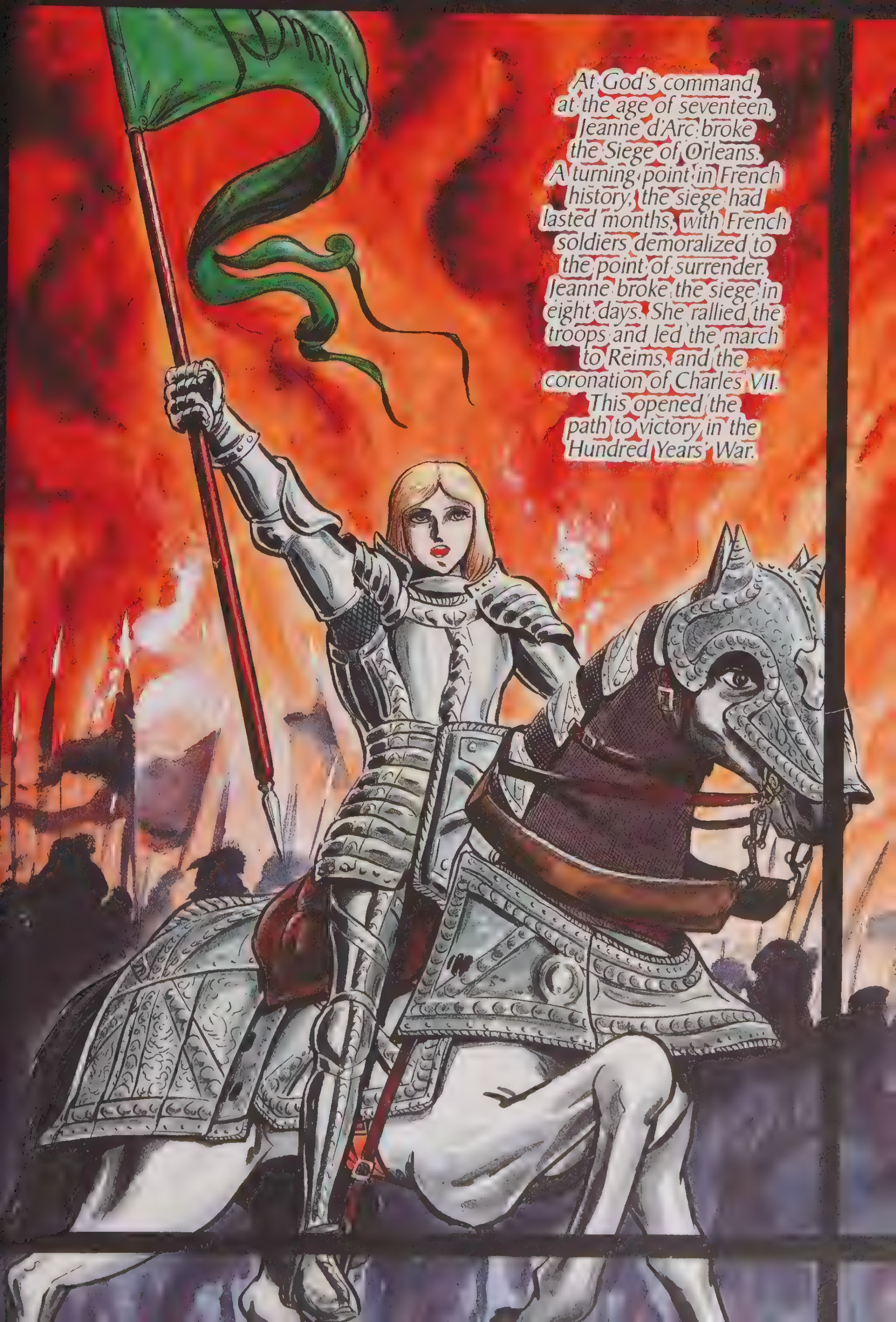
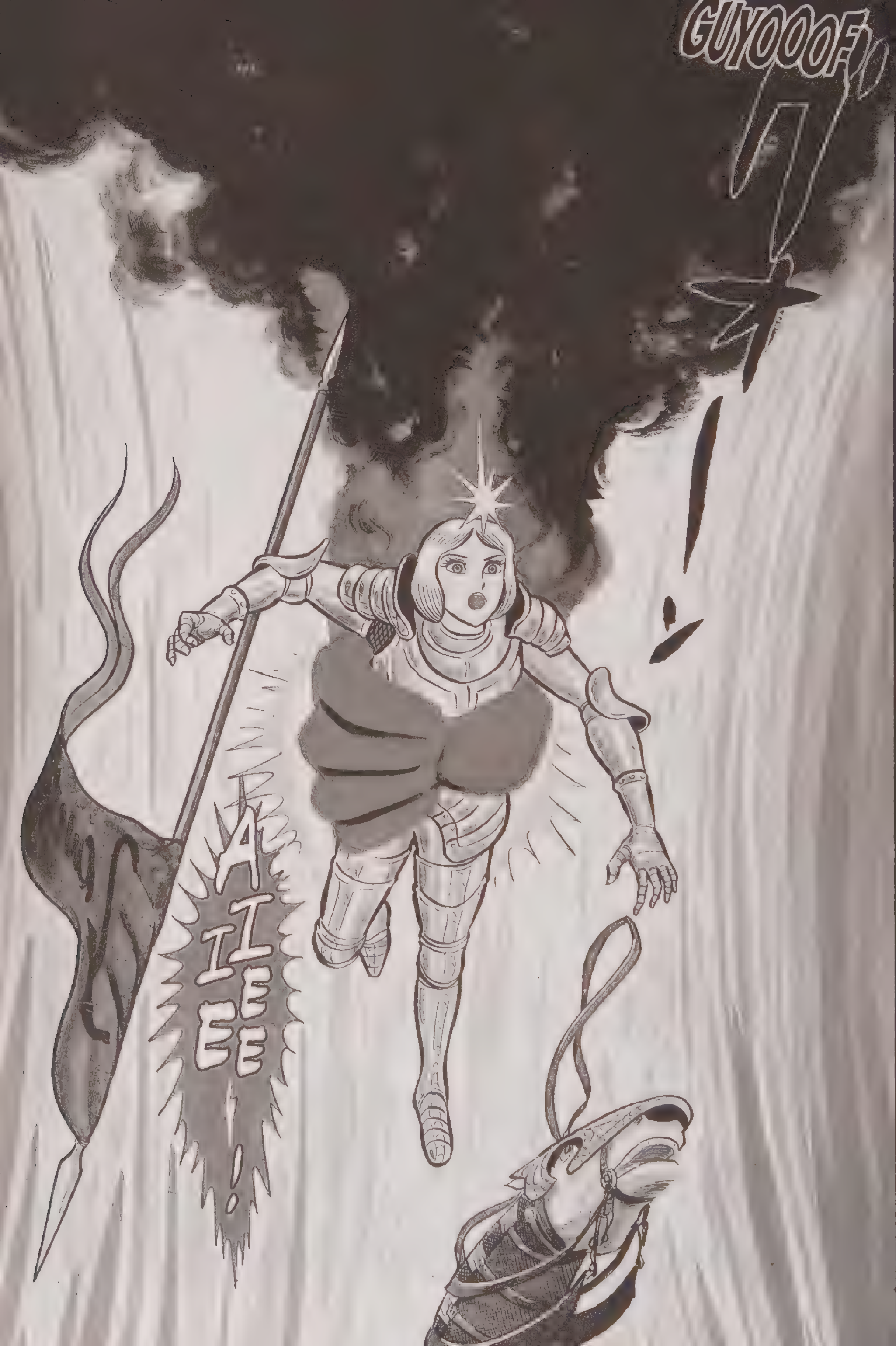
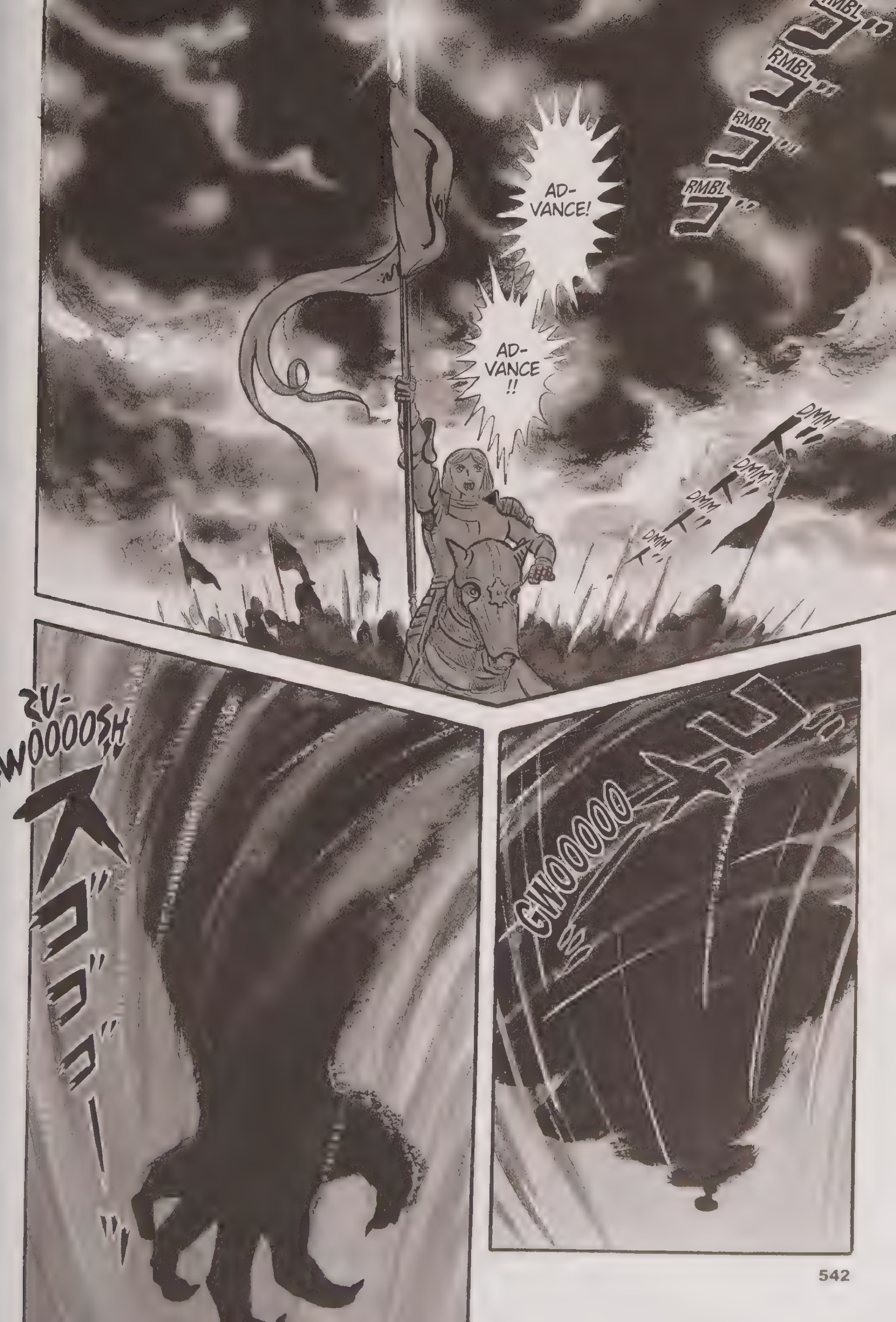

At God's command, at the age of seventeen, Jeanne d'Arc broke the Siege of Orleans. A turning point in French history, the siege had lasted months, with French soldiers demoralized to the point of surrender. Jeanne broke the siege in eight days. She rallied the troops and led the march to Reims, and the coronation of Charles VII. This opened the path to victory in the Hundred Years' War.


GUYOOOF
ゴオー！
AIIEEEE!


RMBL
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AD-VANCE!
AD-VANCE!!
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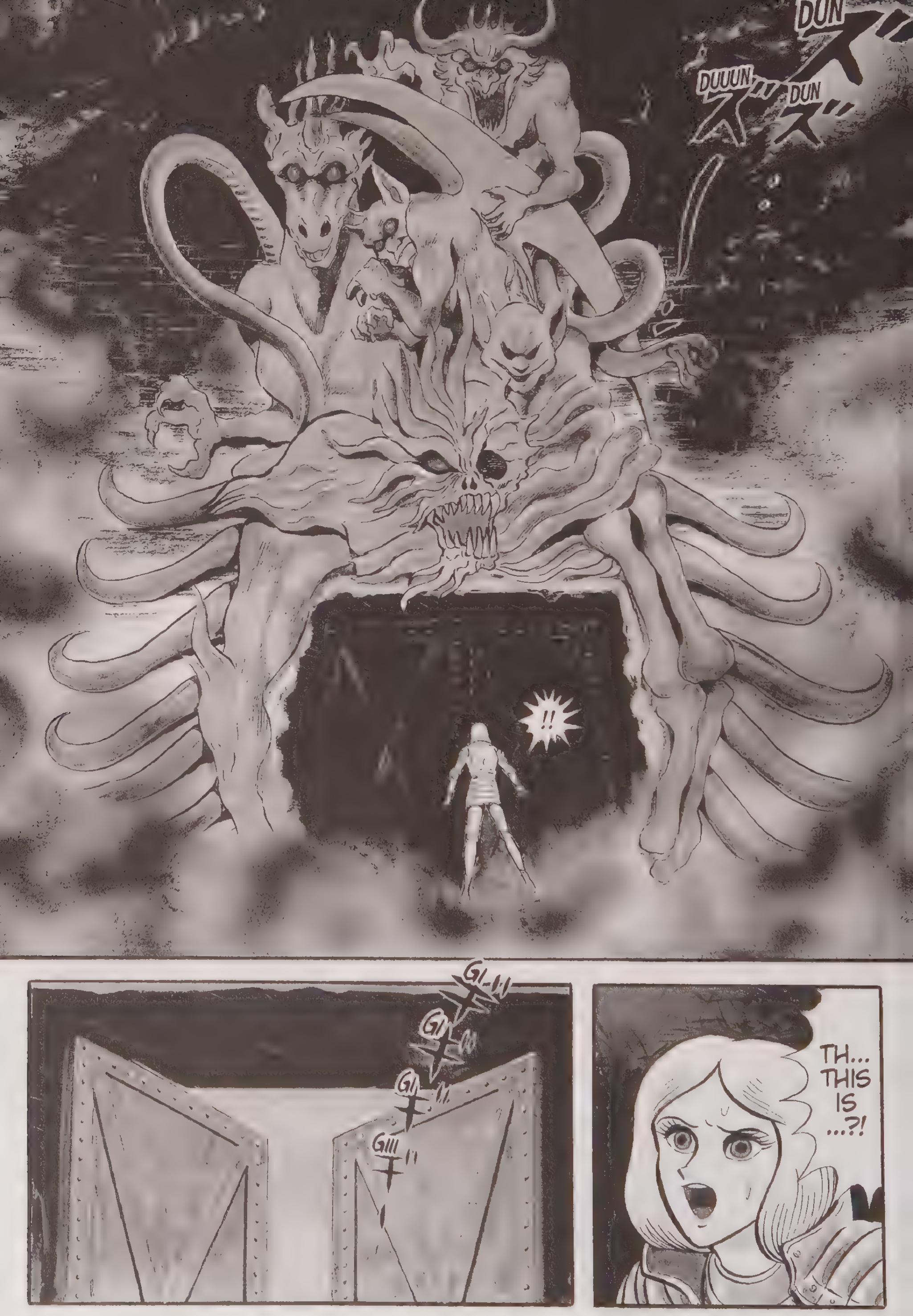
GWOOOOO
ZU-WOOOOSH!!


DUN ズ
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!!
TH... THIS IS ...?!
GI-I-I
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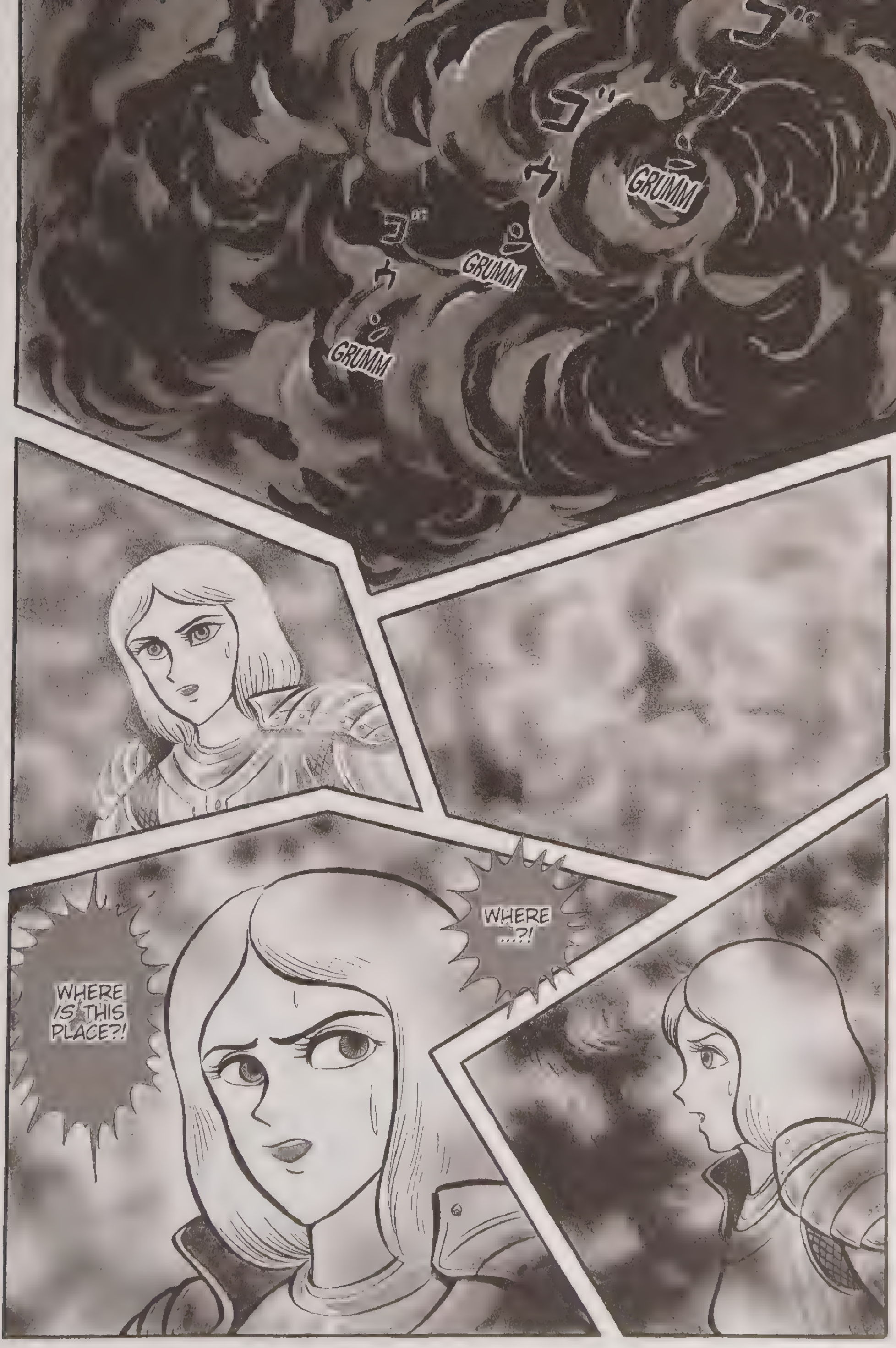
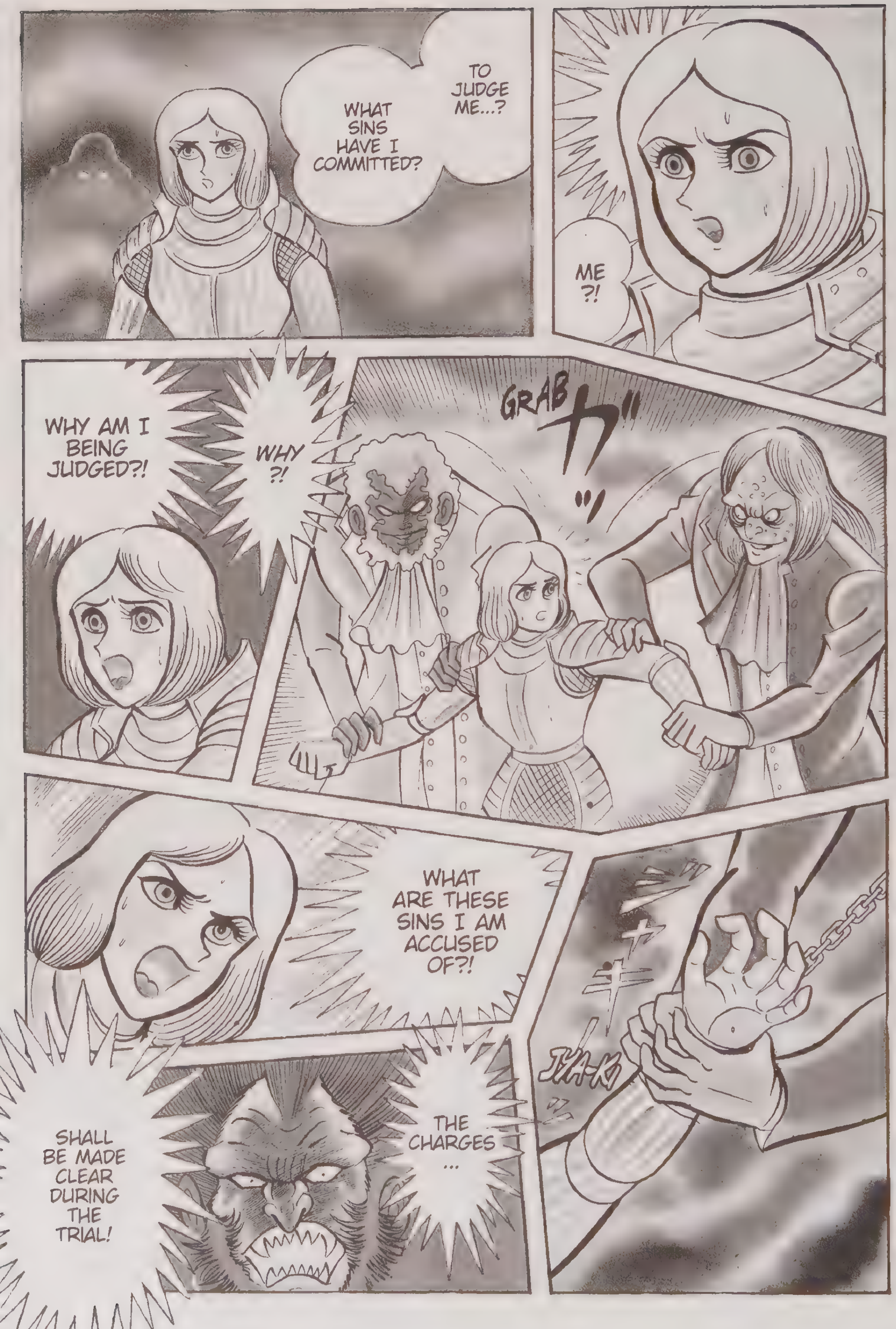
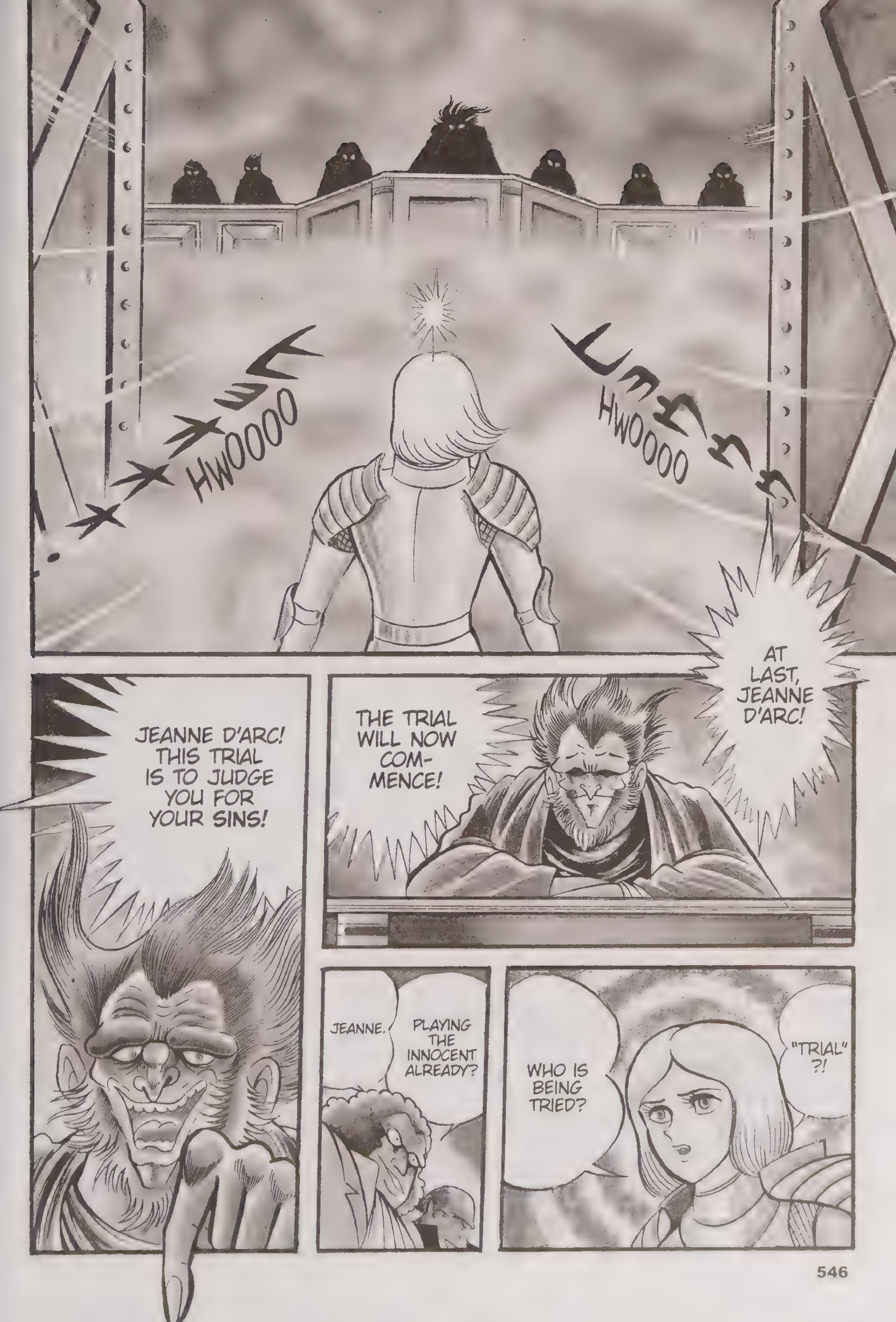
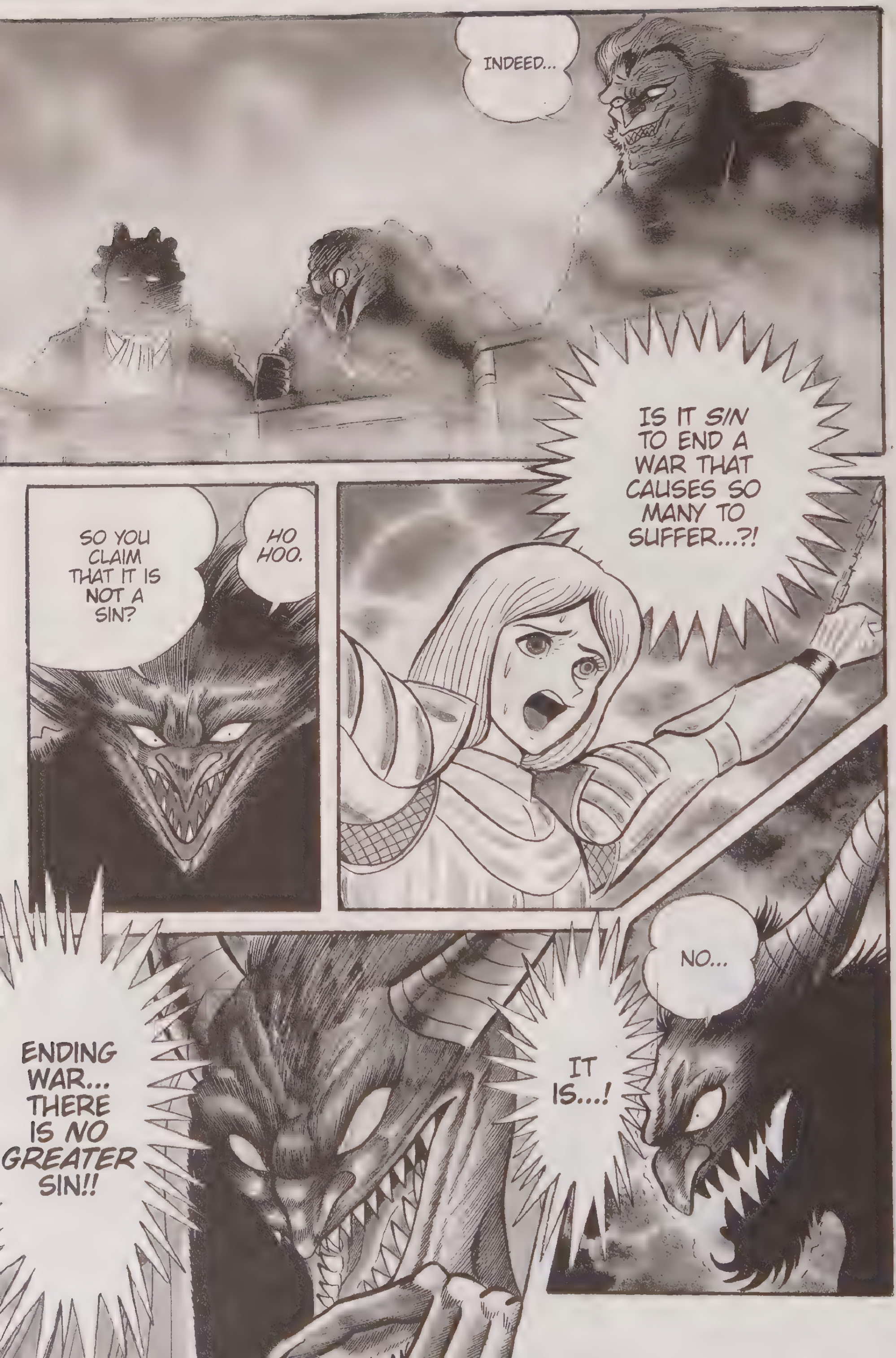
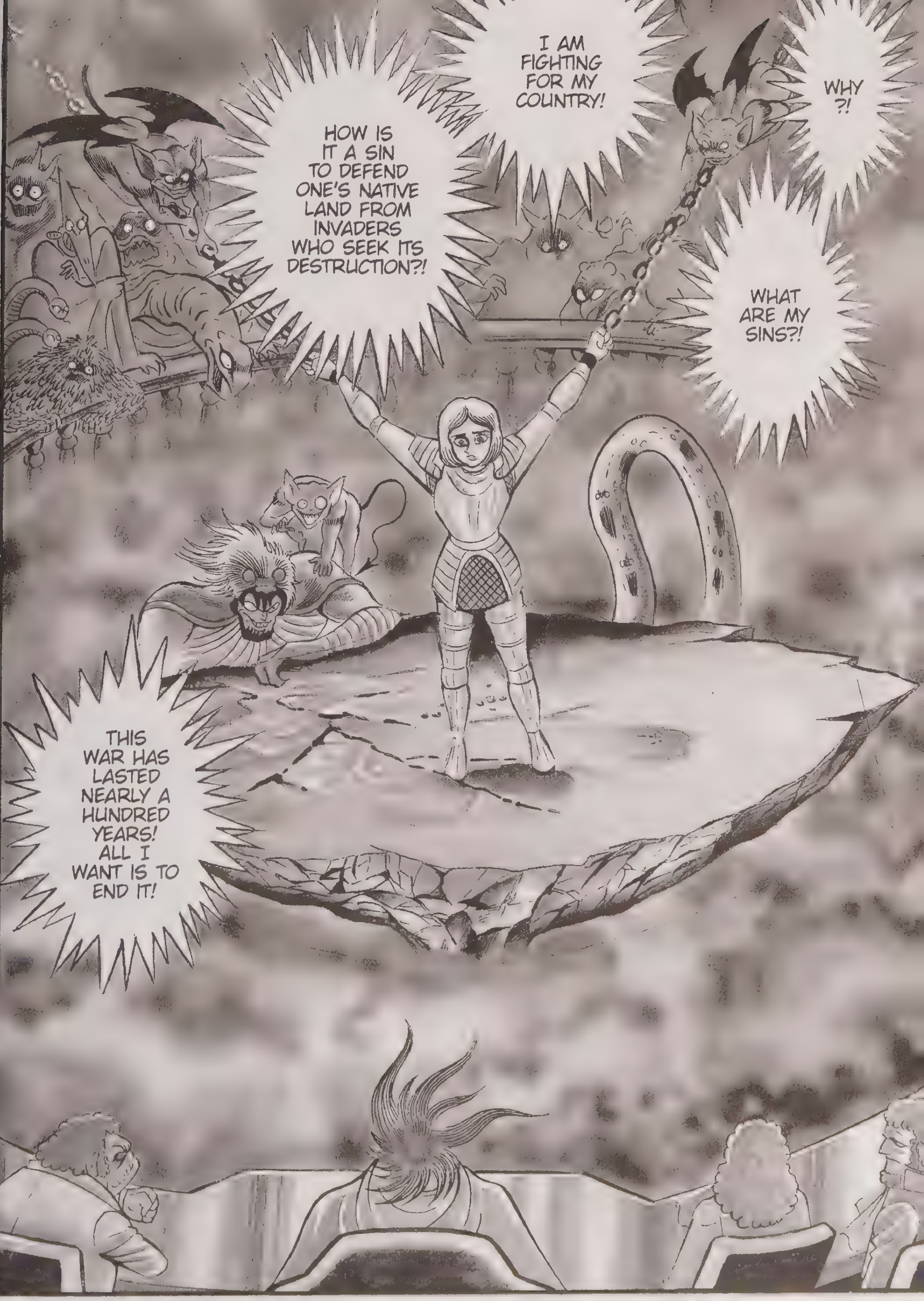
GI
GIII

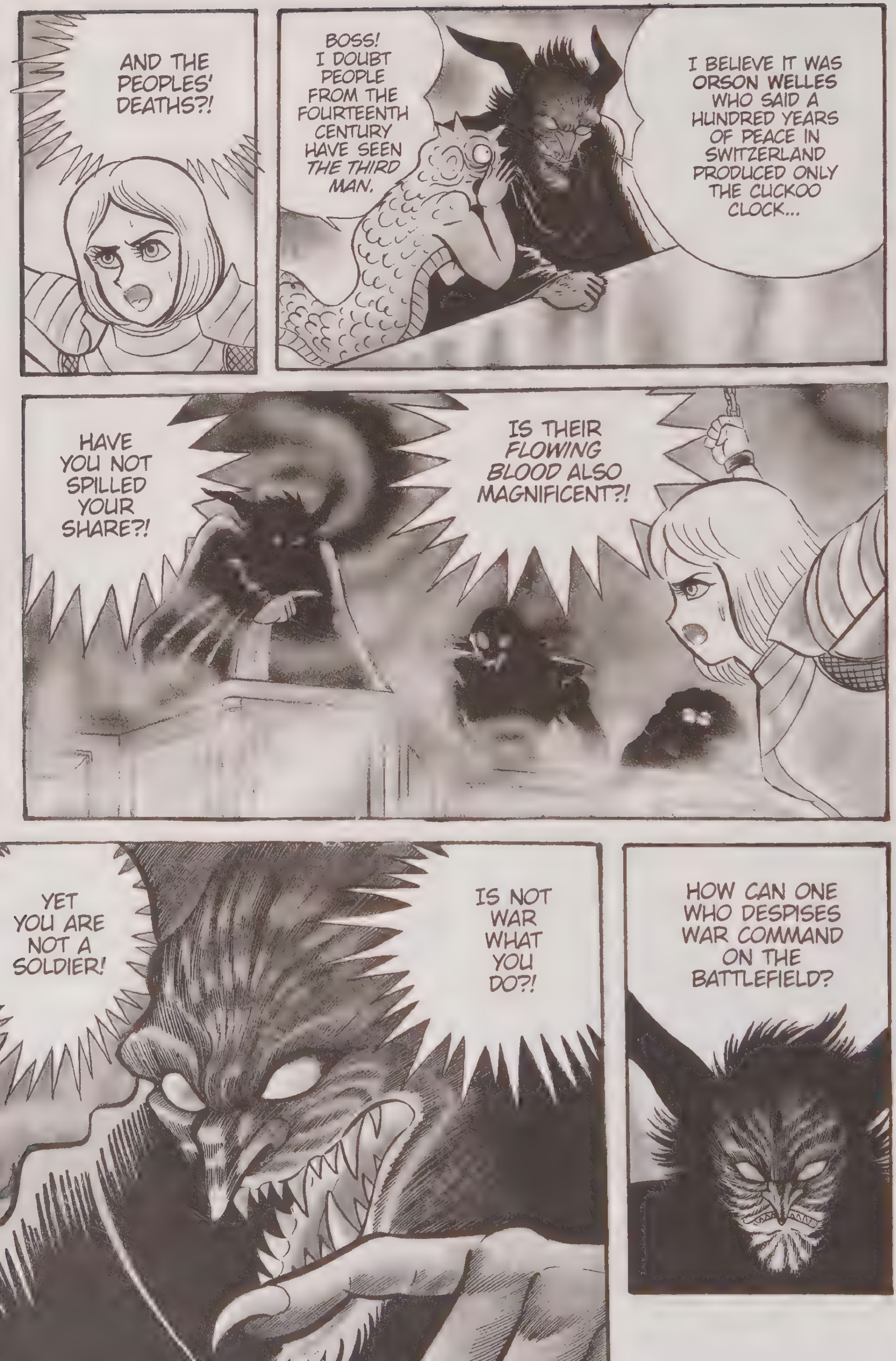

GRUMM
GRUMM
GRUMM
WHERE ...?!
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?!

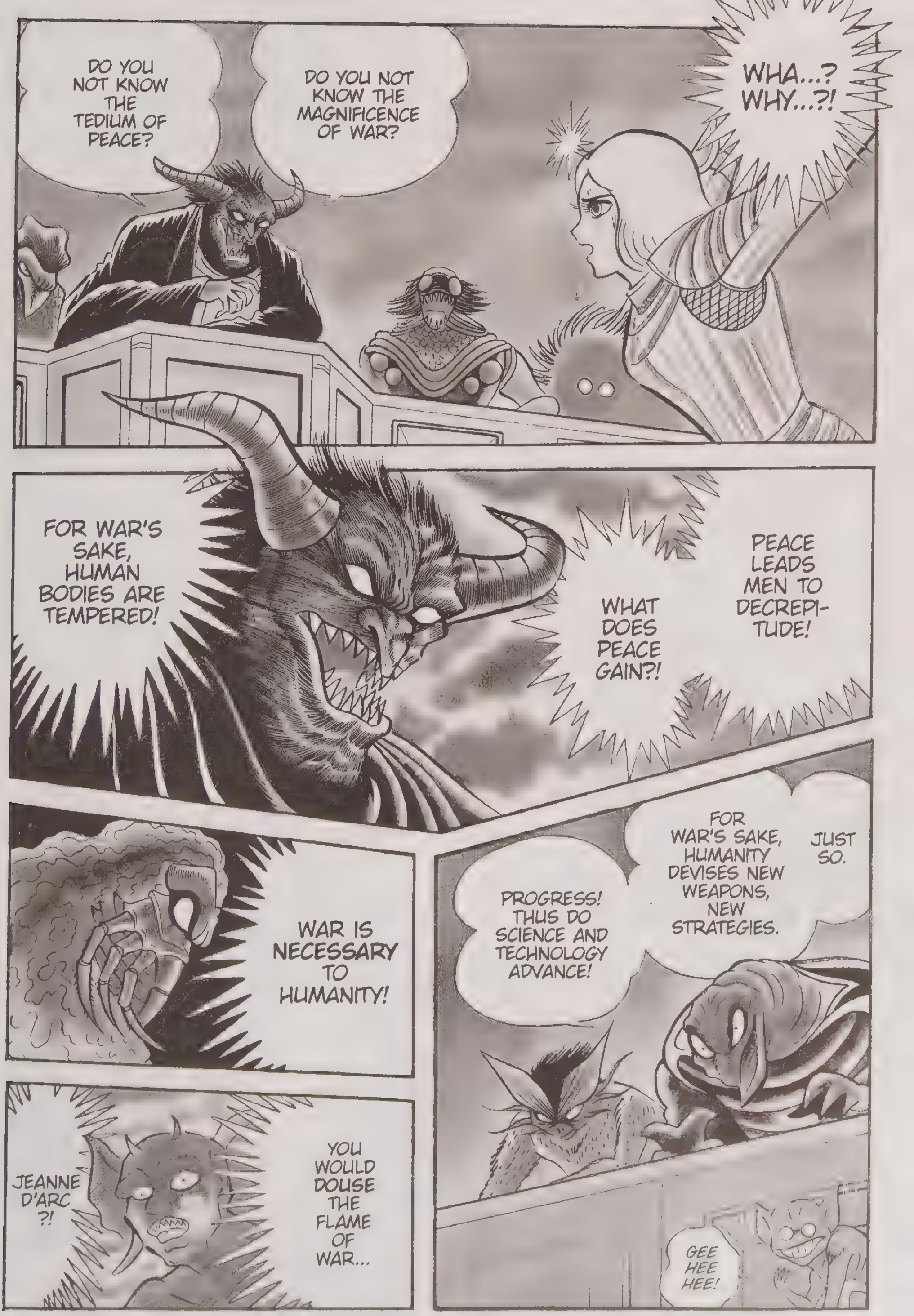

ME ?!
TO JUDGE ME...?
WHAT SINS HAVE I COMMITTED?
GRAB
WHY ?!
WHY AM I BEING JUDGED?!
JYA-KI
WHAT ARE THESE SINS I AM ACCUSED OF?!
THE CHARGES ...
SHALL BE MADE CLEAR DURING THE TRIAL!

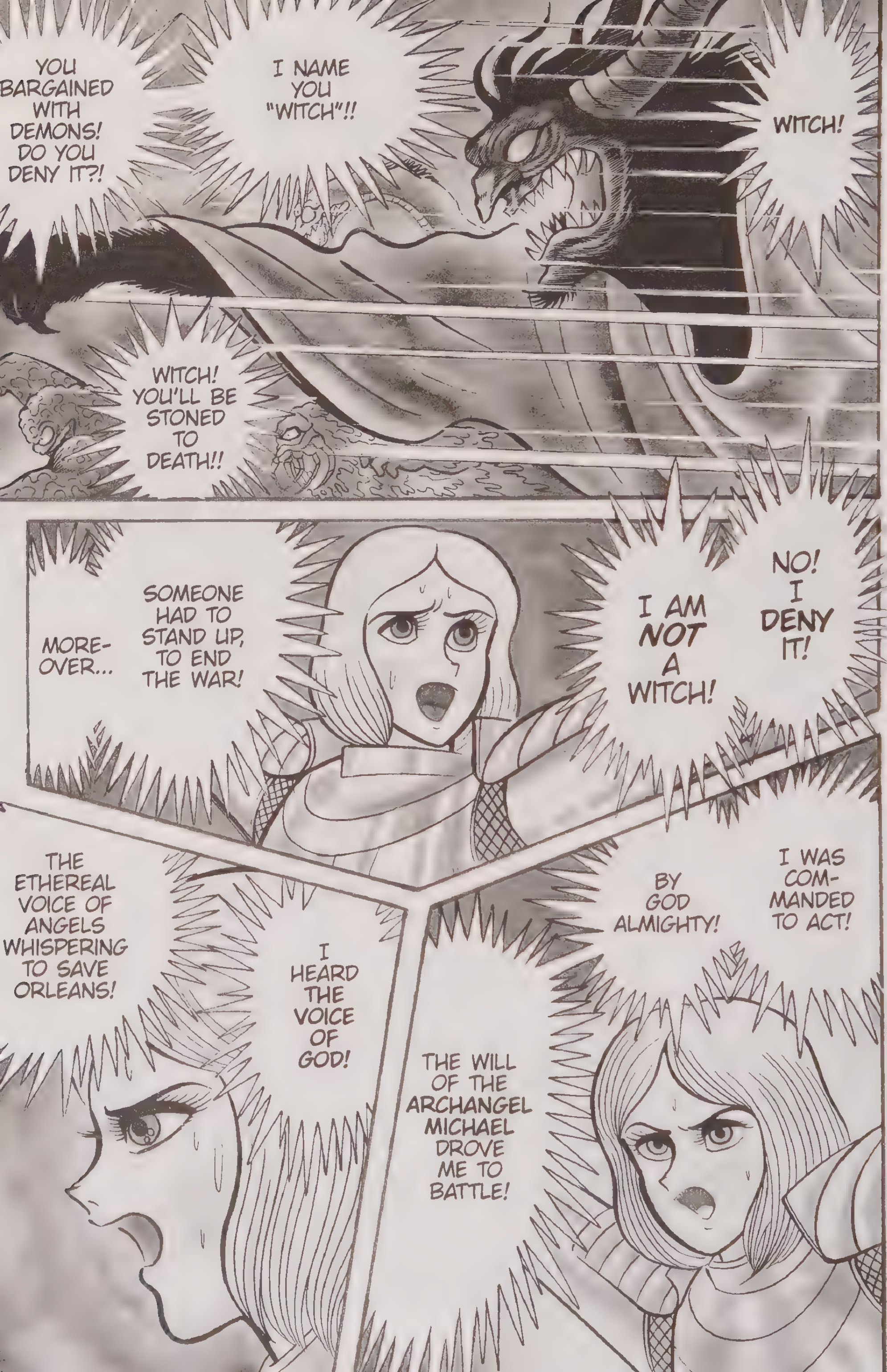

HWOOOO
HWOOOO
AT LAST, JEANNE D'ARC!
THE TRIAL WILL NOW COMMENCE!
JEANNE D'ARC! THIS TRIAL IS TO JUDGE YOU FOR YOUR SINS!
"TRIAL"?!
WHO IS BEING TRIED?
PLAYING THE INNOCENT ALREADY?
JEANNE.

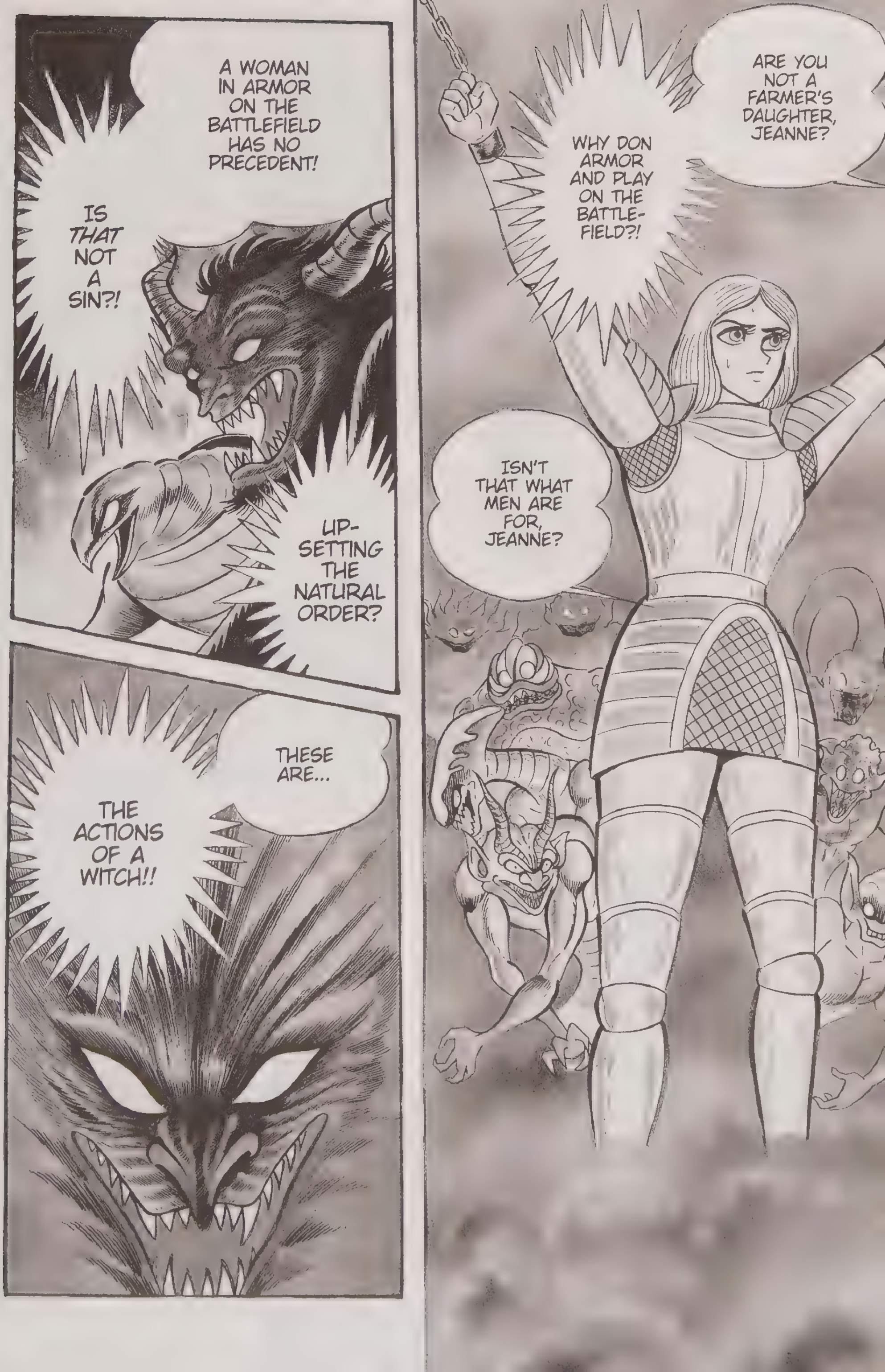

INDEED...
IS IT *SIN* TO END A WAR THAT CAUSES SO MANY TO SUFFER...?!
HO HOO.
SO YOU CLAIM THAT IT IS NOT A SIN?
NO...
IT IS...!
ENDING WAR... THERE IS *NO GREATER* SIN!!

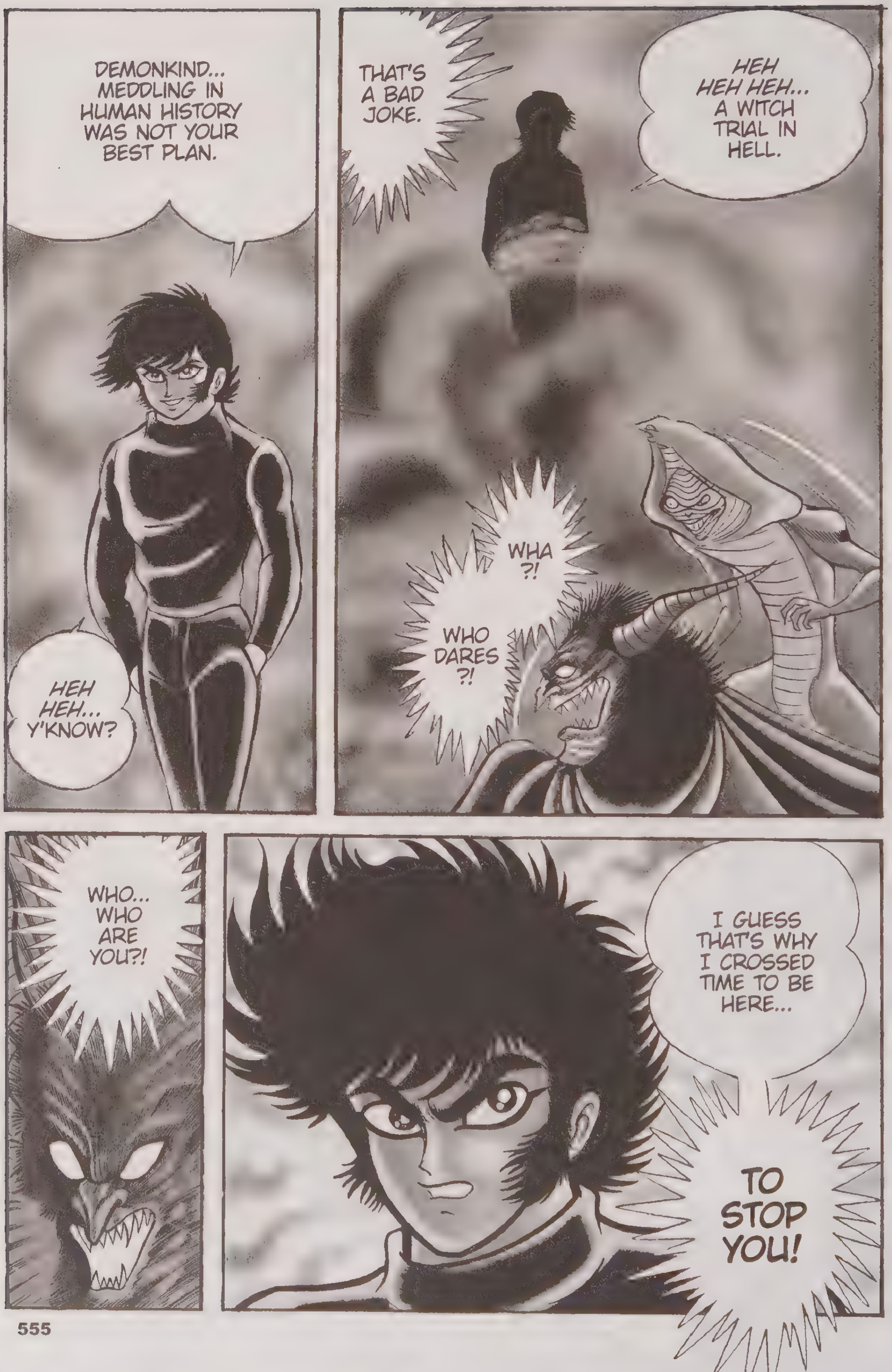

WHY?!
I AM FIGHTING FOR MY COUNTRY!
HOW IS IT A SIN TO DEFEND ONE'S NATIVE LAND FROM INVADERS WHO SEEK ITS DESTRUCTION?!
WHAT ARE MY SINS?!
THIS WAR HAS LASTED NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS! ALL I WANT IS TO END IT!

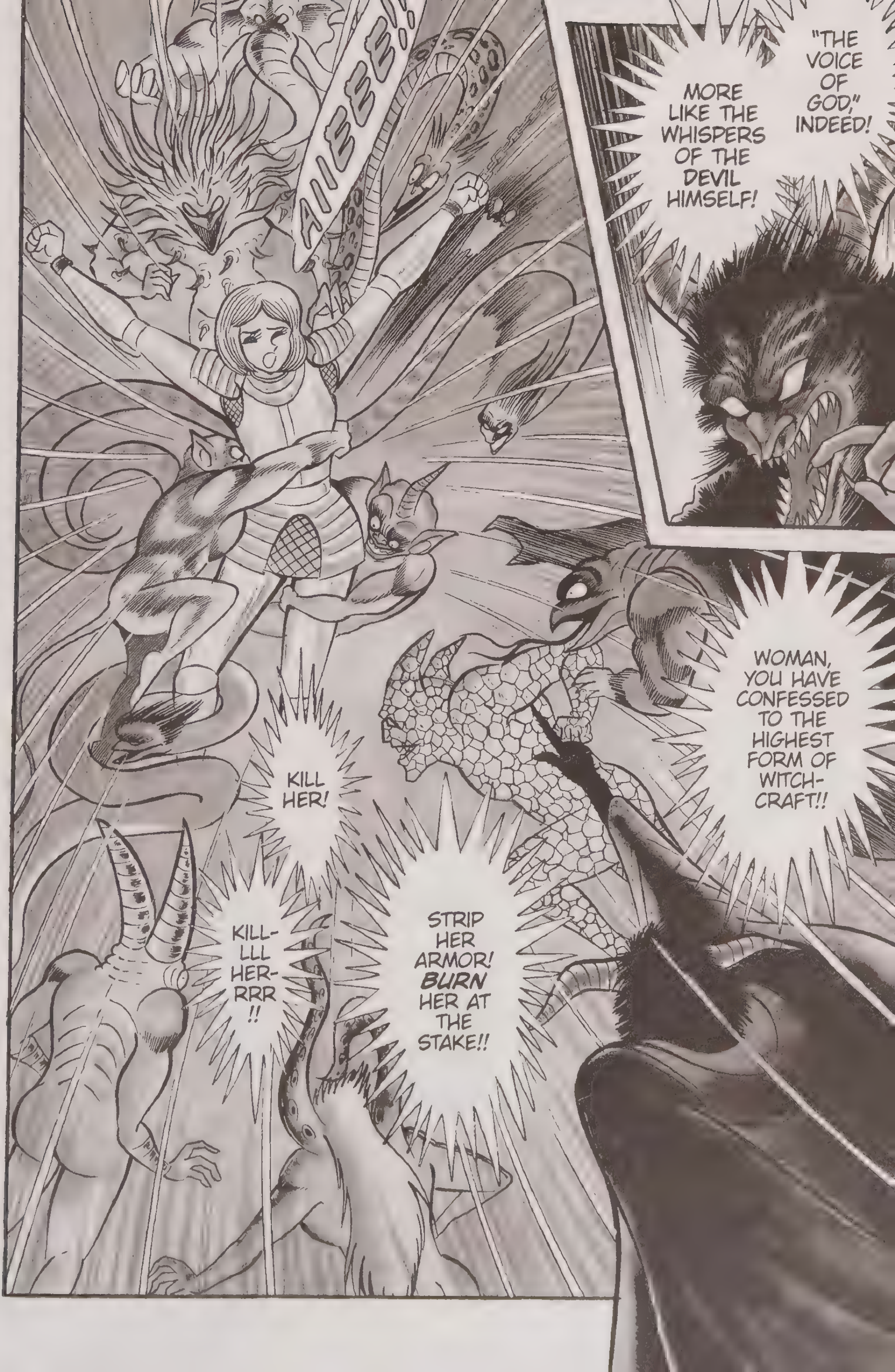

I BELIEVE IT WAS **ORSON WELLES** WHO SAID A HUNDRED YEARS OF PEACE IN SWITZERLAND PRODUCED ONLY THE CUCKOO CLOCK...
BOSS! I DOUBT PEOPLE FROM THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY HAVE SEEN *THE THIRD MAN.*
AND THE PEOPLES' DEATHS?!
IS THEIR *FLOWING BLOOD* ALSO MAGNIFICENT?!
HAVE YOU NOT SPILLED YOUR SHARE?!
HOW CAN ONE WHO DESPISES WAR COMMAND ON THE BATTLEFIELD?
IS NOT WAR WHAT YOU DO?!
YET YOU ARE NOT A SOLDIER!

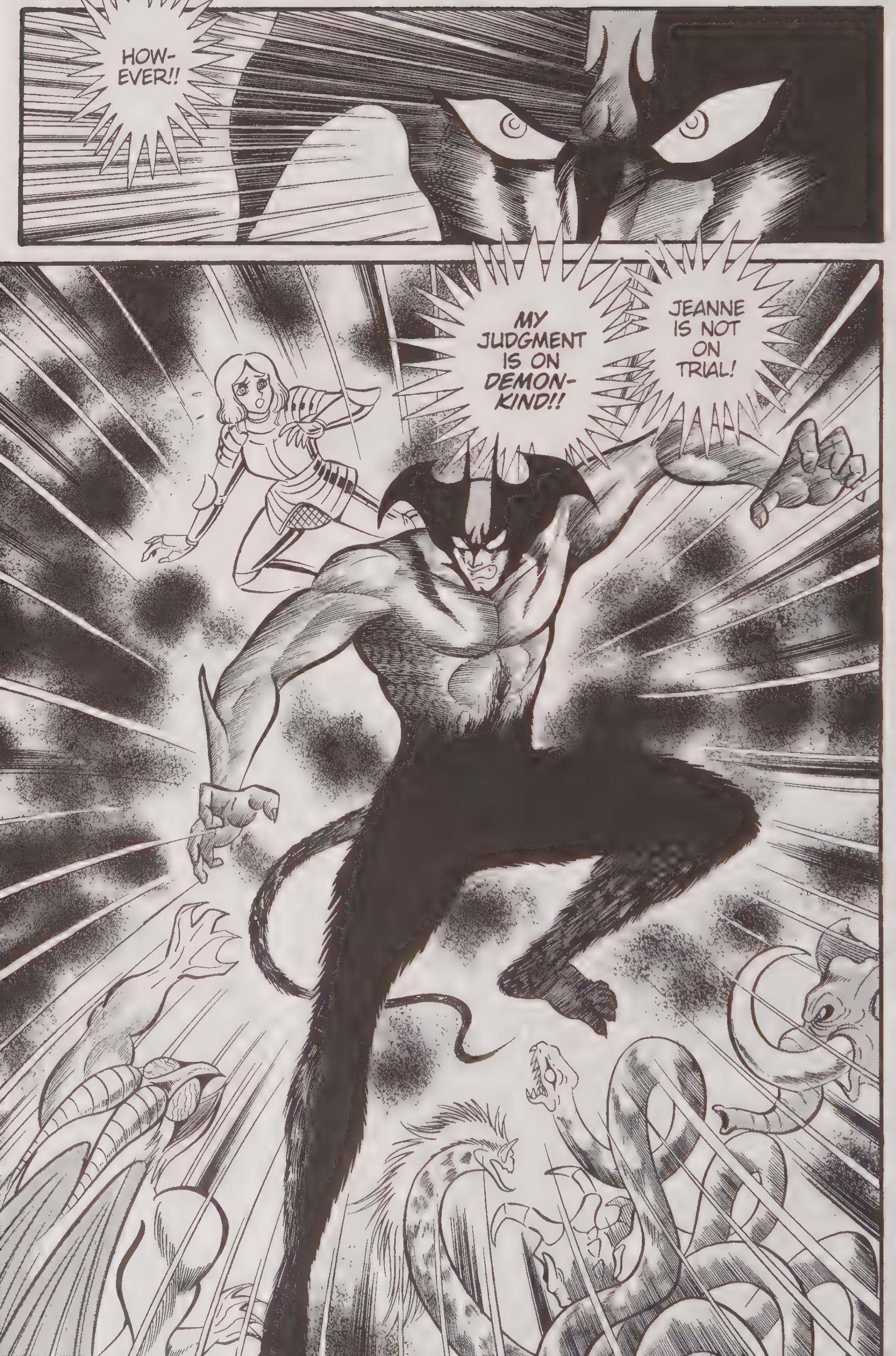

DO YOU NOT KNOW THE TEDIUM OF PEACE?
DO YOU NOT KNOW THE MAGNIFICENCE OF WAR?
WHA...? WHY...?!
FOR WAR'S SAKE, HUMAN BODIES ARE TEMPERED!
WHAT DOES PEACE GAIN?!
PEACE LEADS MEN TO DECREPITUDE!
WAR IS NECESSARY TO HUMANITY!
PROGRESS! THUS DO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVANCE!
FOR WAR'S SAKE, HUMANITY DEVISES NEW WEAPONS, NEW STRATEGIES.
JUST SO.
JEANNE D'ARC?!
YOU WOULD DOUSE THE FLAME OF WAR...
GEE HEE HEE!

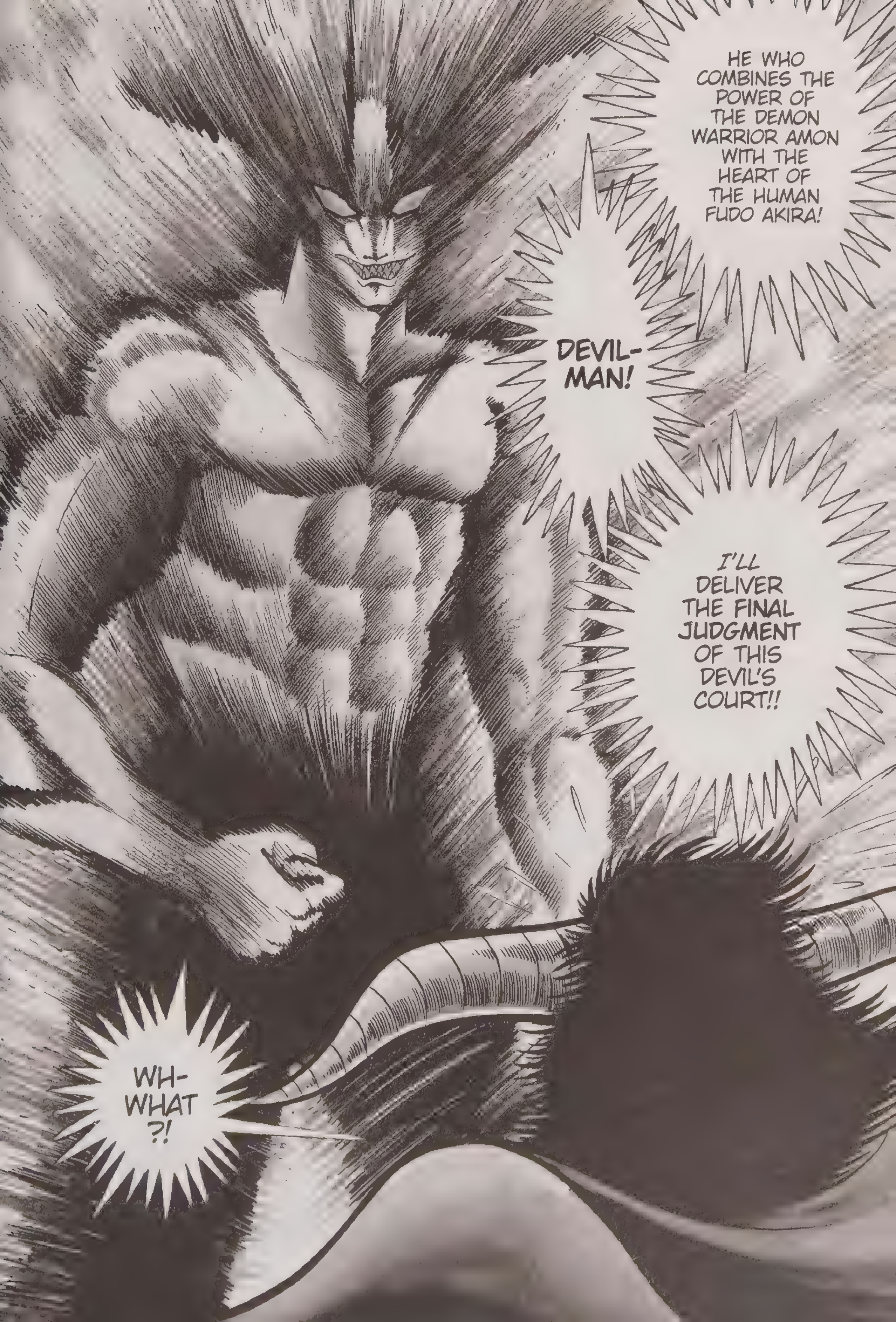

WITCH!
I NAME YOU "WITCH"!!
YOU BARGAINED WITH DEMONS! DO YOU DENY IT?!
WITCH! YOU'LL BE STONED TO DEATH!!
NO! I **DENY** IT!
I AM *NOT* A WITCH!
SOMEONE HAD TO STAND UP, TO END THE WAR!
MOREOVER...
I WAS COMMANDED TO ACT!
BY GOD ALMIGHTY!
THE WILL OF THE **ARCHANGEL MICHAEL** DROVE ME TO BATTLE!
I HEARD **THE VOICE** OF **GOD!**
THE ETHEREAL VOICE OF ANGELS WHISPERING TO SAVE ORLEANS!

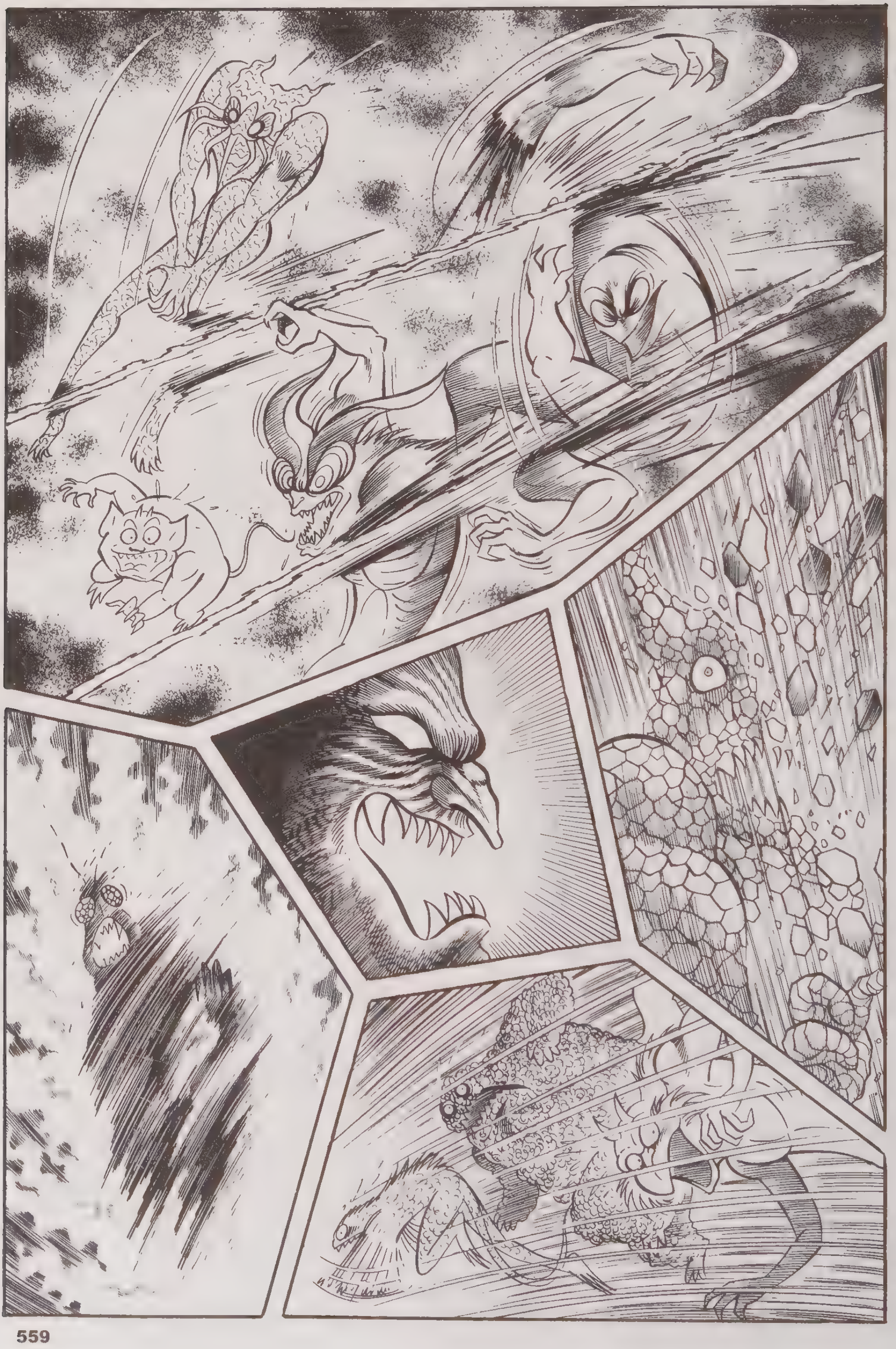

ARE YOU NOT A FARMER'S DAUGHTER, JEANNE?
WHY DON ARMOR AND PLAY ON THE BATTLEFIELD?!
ISN'T THAT WHAT MEN ARE FOR, JEANNE?
A WOMAN IN ARMOR ON THE BATTLEFIELD HAS NO PRECEDENT!
IS *THAT* NOT A SIN?!
UPSETTING THE NATURAL ORDER?
THESE ARE...
THE ACTIONS OF A WITCH!!

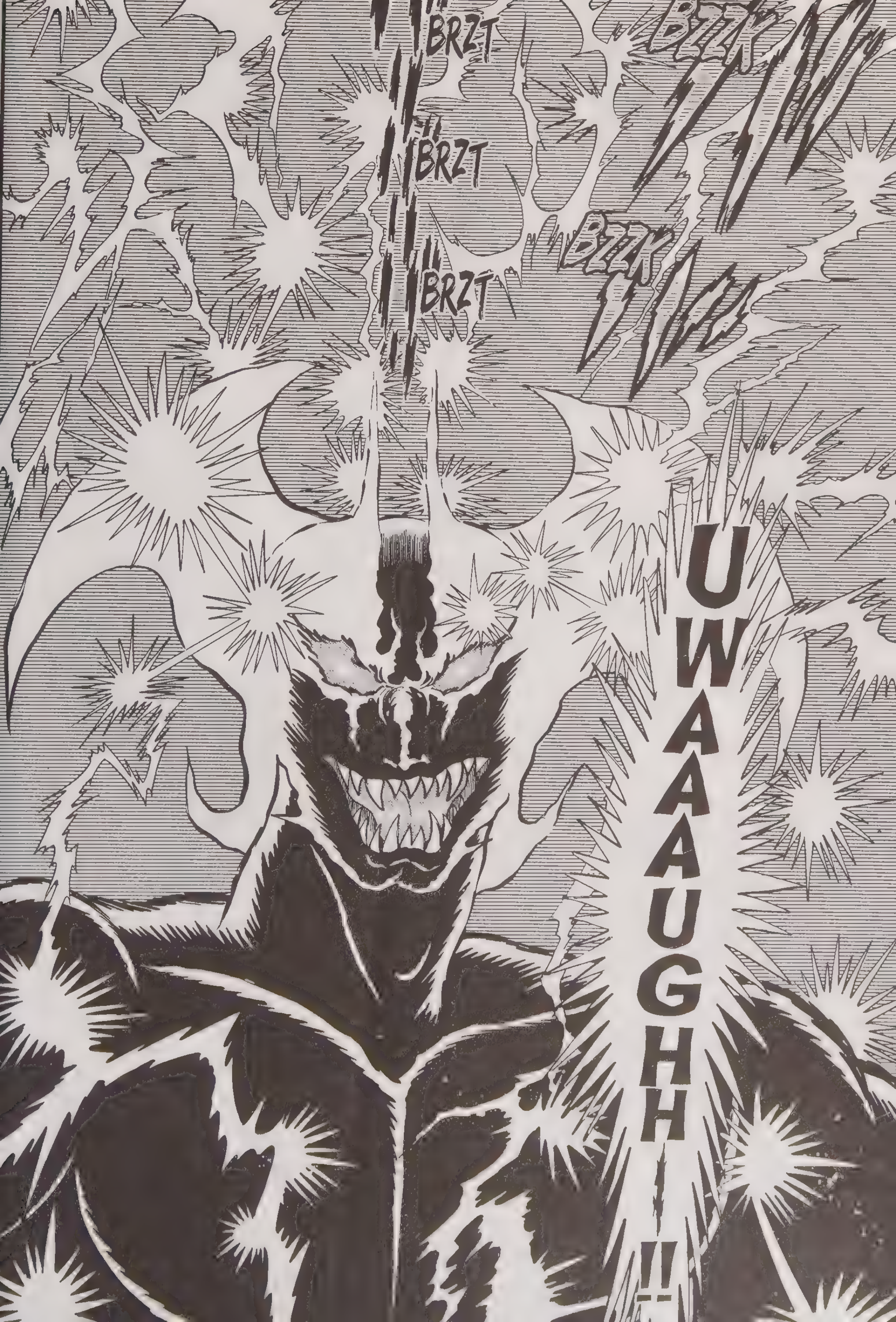

HEH HEH HEH... A WITCH TRIAL IN HELL.
THAT'S A BAD JOKE.
WHA ?!
WHO DARES ?!
HEH HEH... Y'KNOW?
DEMONKIND... MEDDLING IN HUMAN HISTORY WAS NOT YOUR BEST PLAN.
I GUESS THAT'S WHY I CROSSED TIME TO BE HERE...
TO STOP YOU!
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?!

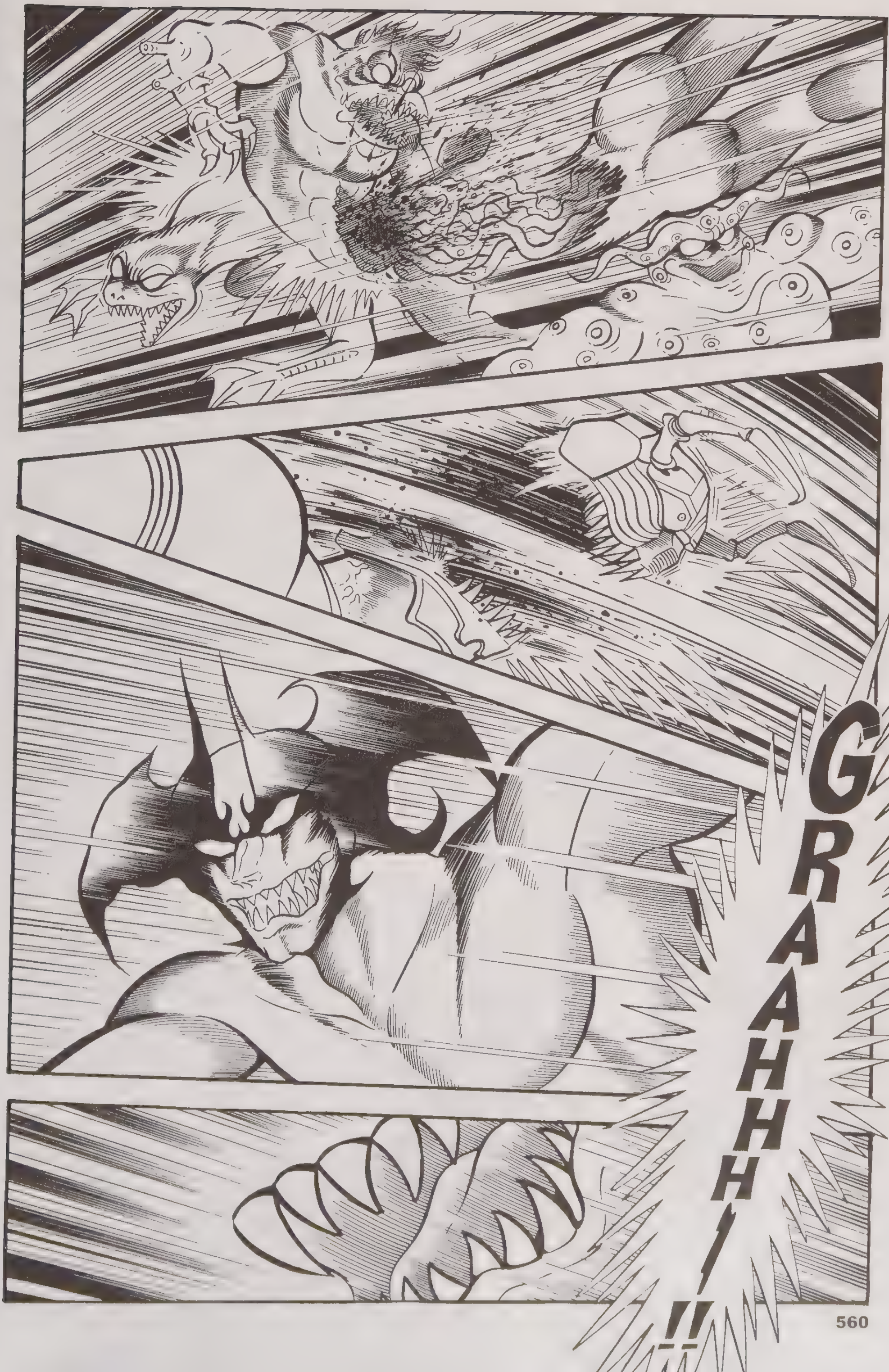

"THE VOICE OF GOD," INDEED!
MORE LIKE THE WHISPERS OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF!
AIIEEEE!!
WOMAN, YOU HAVE CONFESSED TO THE HIGHEST FORM OF WITCHCRAFT!!
KILL HER!
STRIP HER ARMOR! *BURN* HER AT THE STAKE!!
KILL-LLL HER-RRR!!

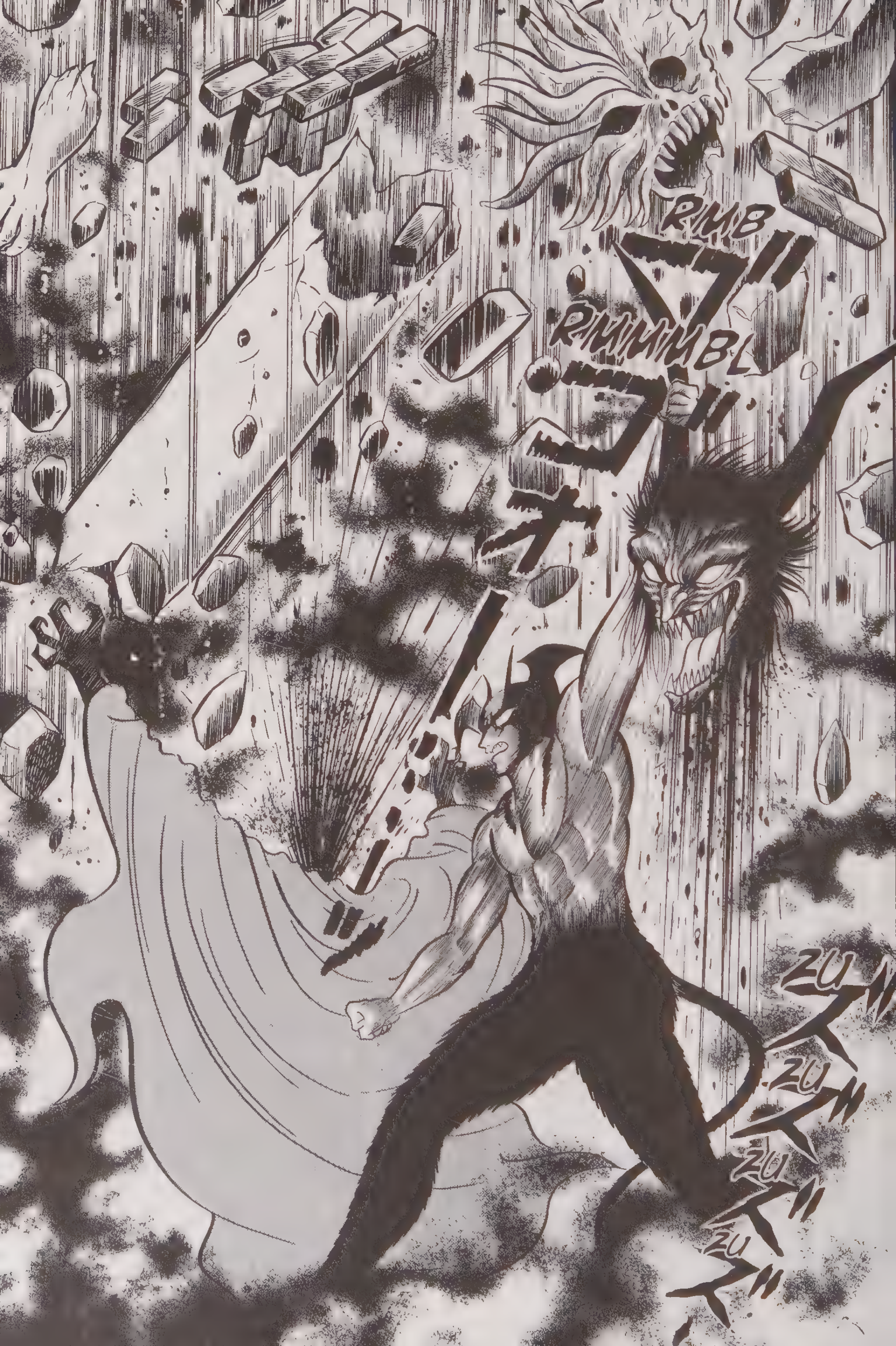

HOWEVER!!
JEANNE IS NOT ON TRIAL!
MY JUDGMENT IS ON DEMONKIND!!


HE WHO COMBINES THE POWER OF THE DEMON WARRIOR AMON WITH THE HEART OF THE HUMAN FUDO AKIRA!
DEVIL-MAN!
I'LL DELIVER THE FINAL JUDGMENT OF THIS DEVIL'S COURT!!
WH-WHAT ?!




BZZK
BRZT
BRZT
BZZK
BRZT
UWAAAUGHH!!


GRAAHHH!!!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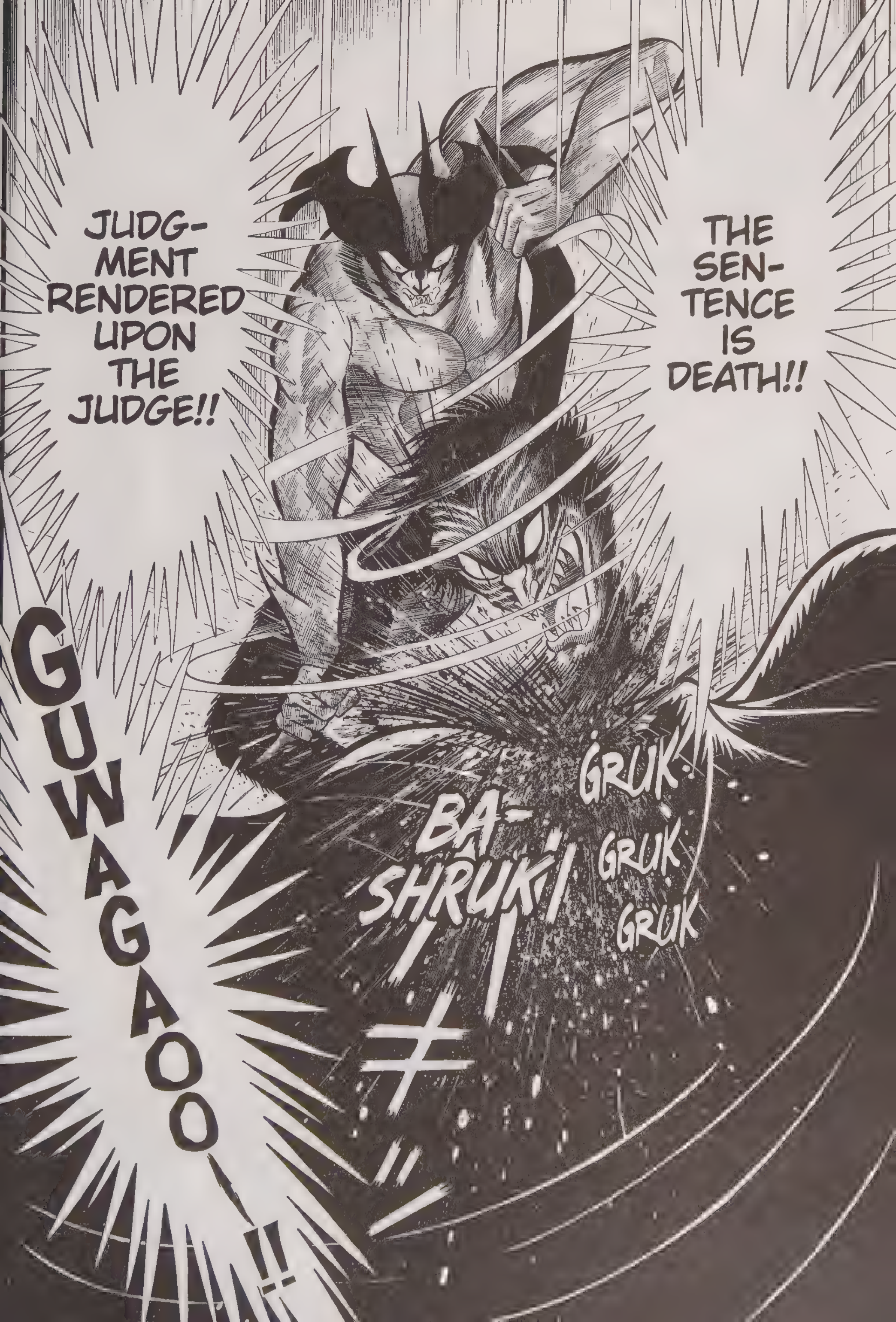
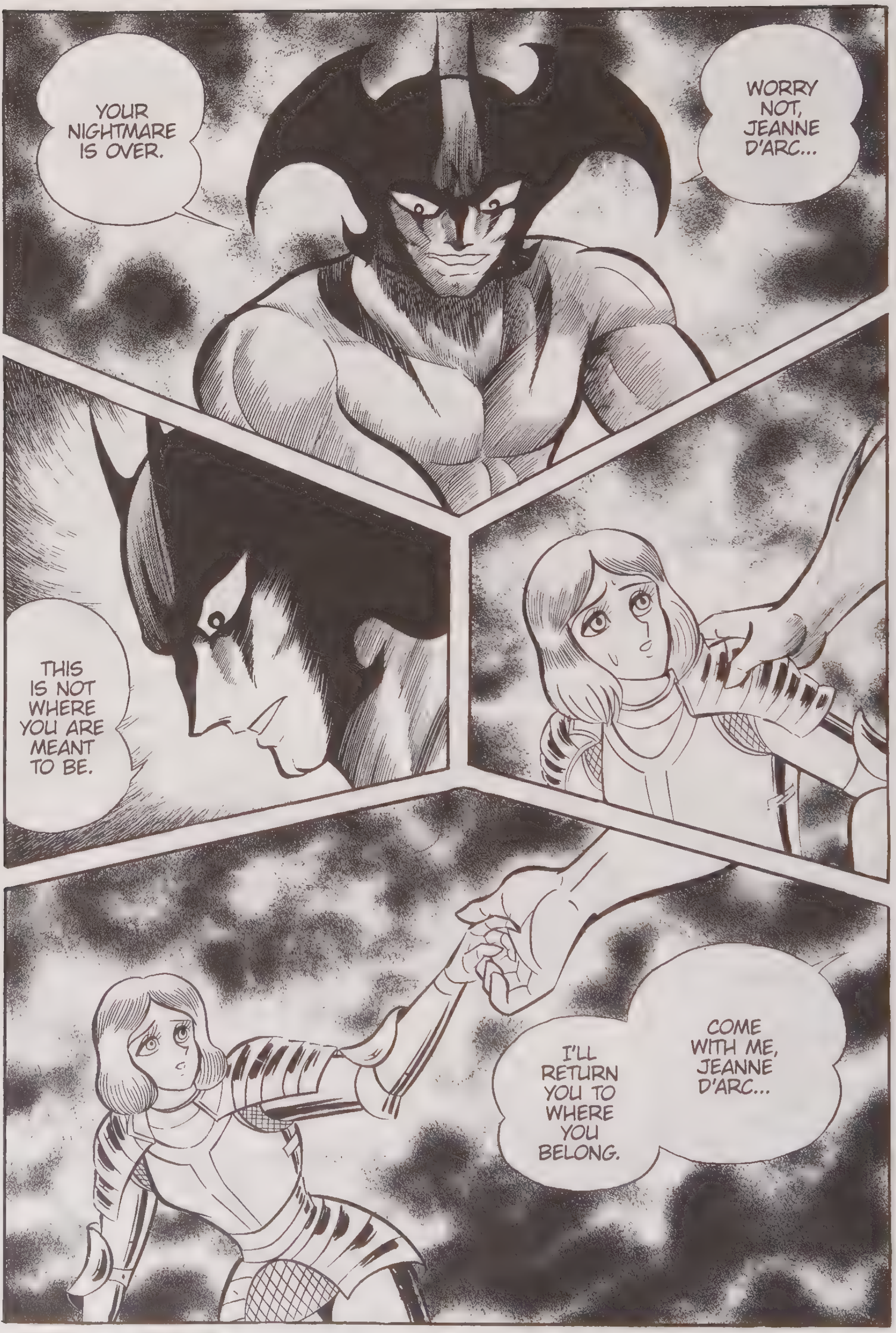
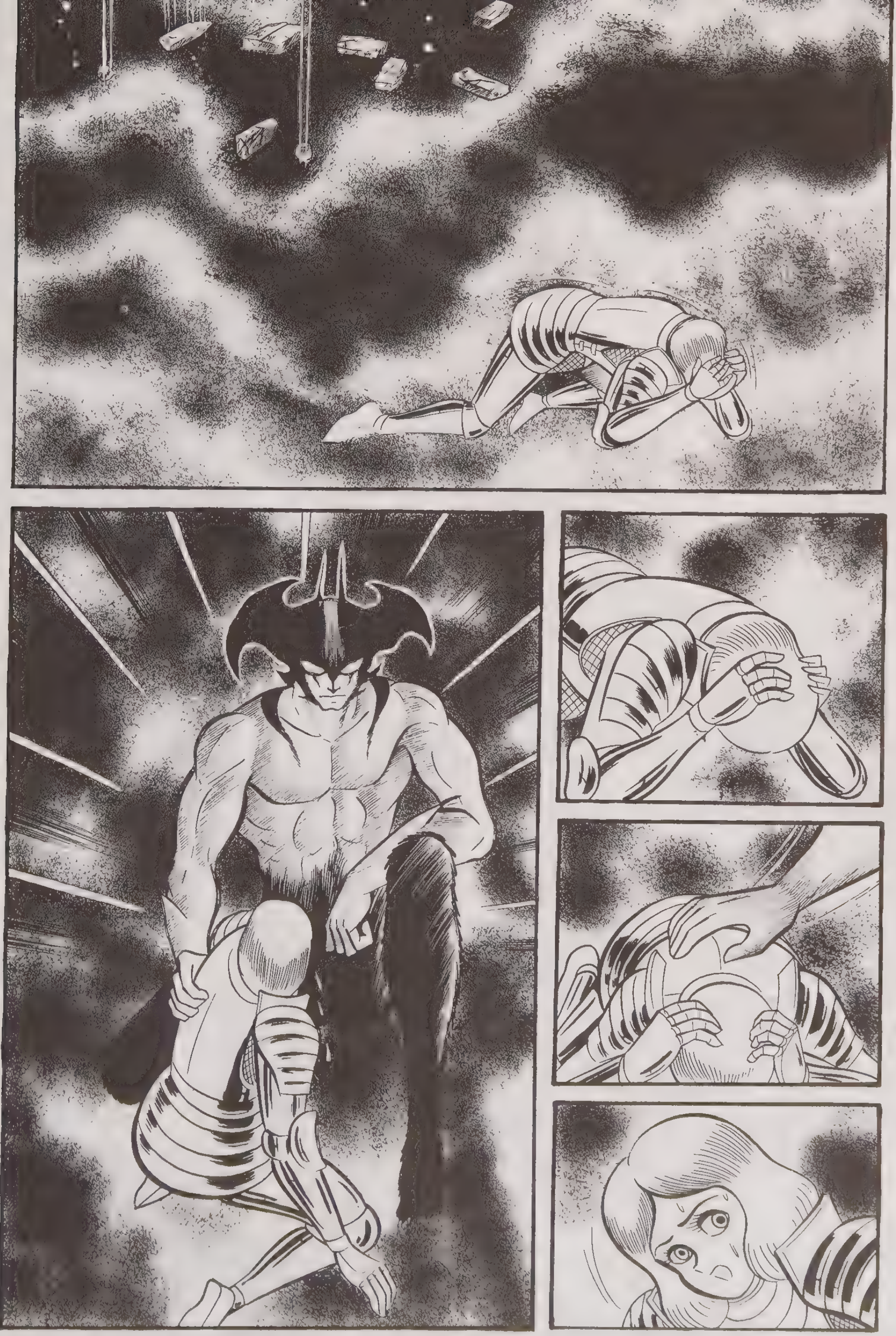
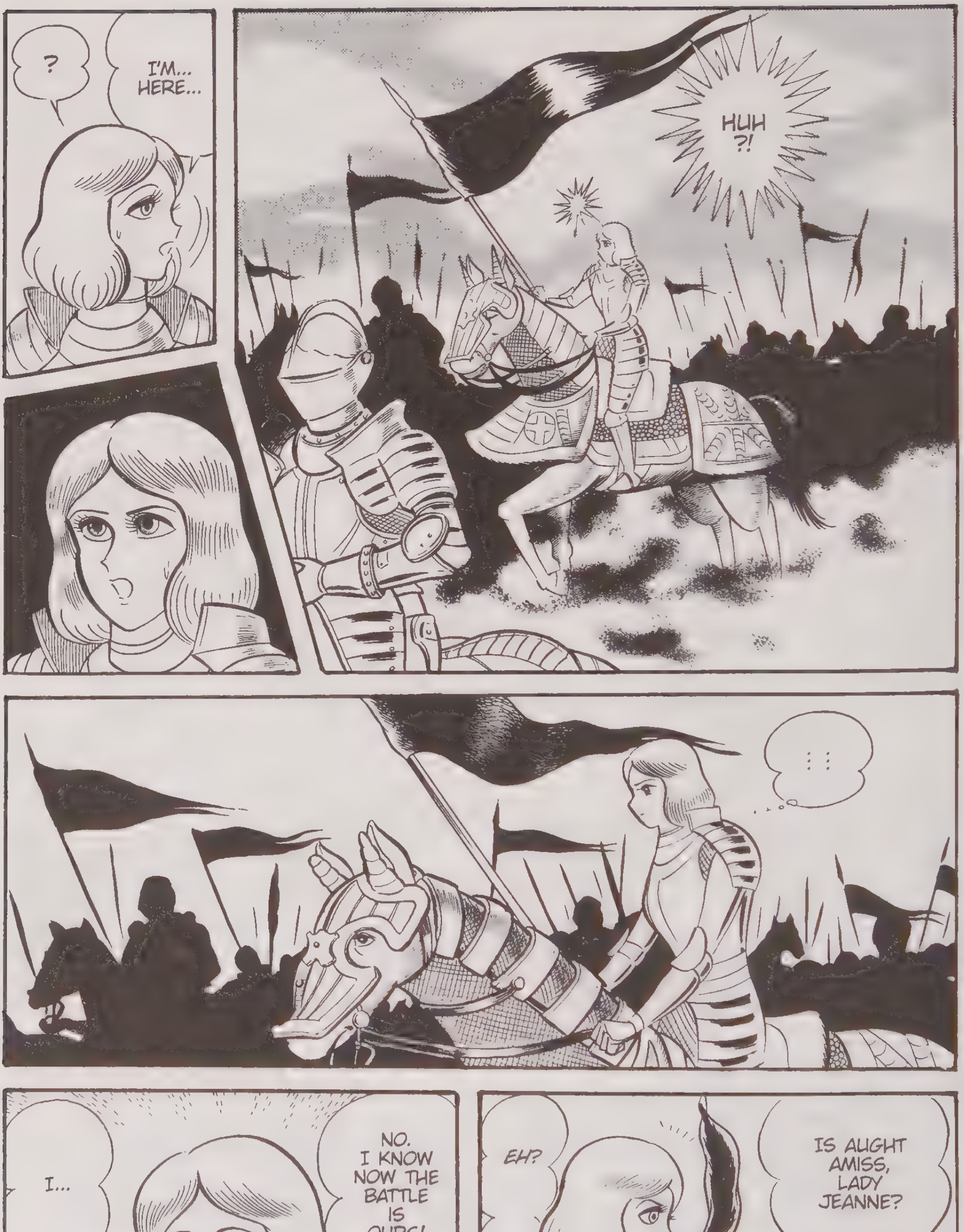

THE SENTENCE IS DEATH!!
JUDGMENT RENDERED UPON THE JUDGE!!
GRUK
GRUK
GRUK
BA-SHRUK!
GUWAGAOO!!


WORRY NOT, JEANNE D'ARC...
YOUR NIGHTMARE IS OVER.
THIS IS NOT WHERE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.
COME WITH ME, JEANNE D'ARC...
I'LL RETURN YOU TO WHERE YOU BELONG.




HUH ?!
I'M... HERE...
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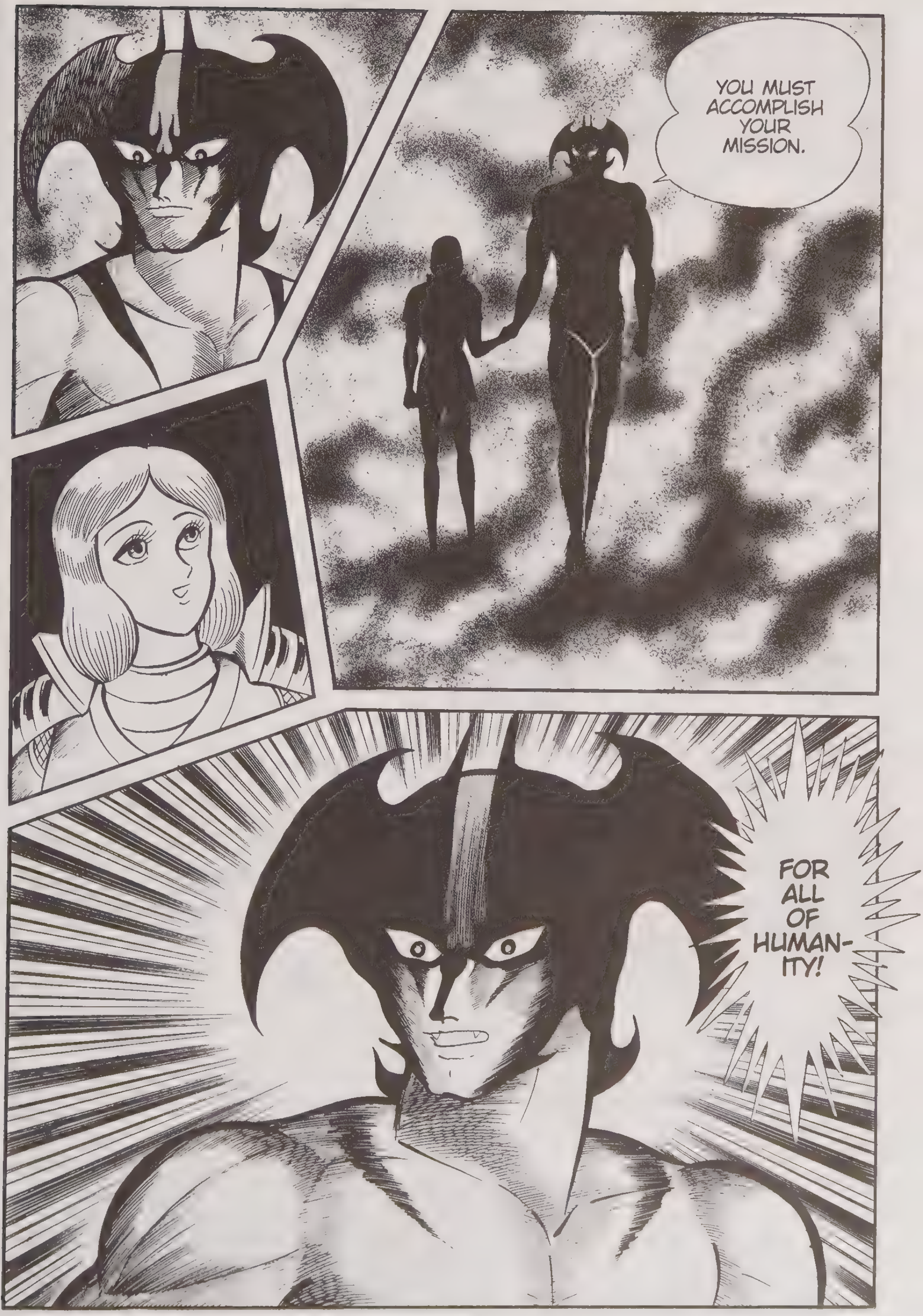
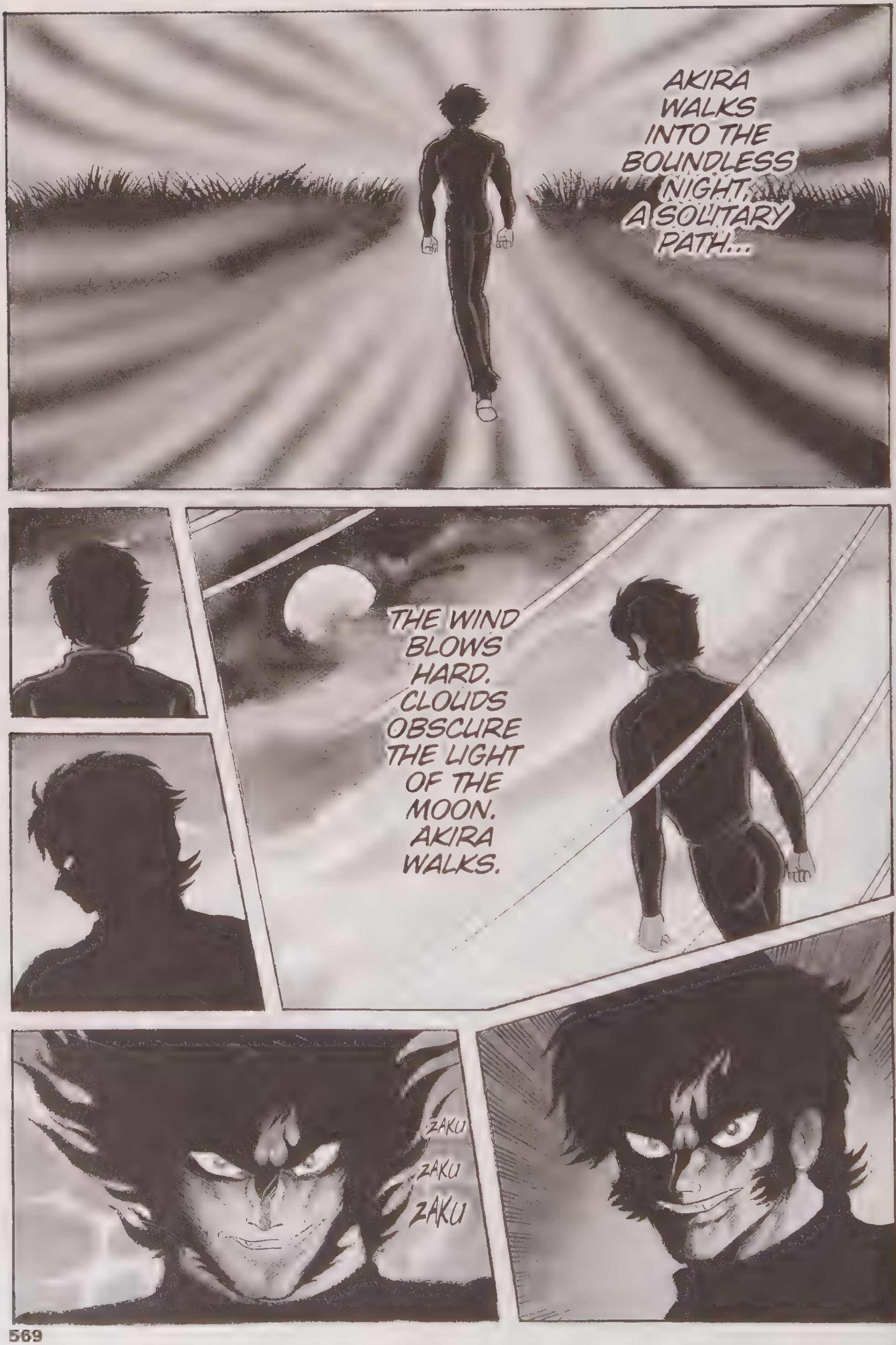
IS AUGHT AMISS, LADY JEANNE?
EH?
AH...
I...
NO. I KNOW NOW THE BATTLE IS OURS!


YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION.
FOR ALL OF HUMANITY!


AKIRA WALKS INTO THE BOUNDLESS NIGHT, A SOLITARY PATH...
THE WIND BLOWS HARD. CLOUDS OBSCURE THE LIGHT OF THE MOON. AKIRA WALKS.
ZAKU
ZAKU
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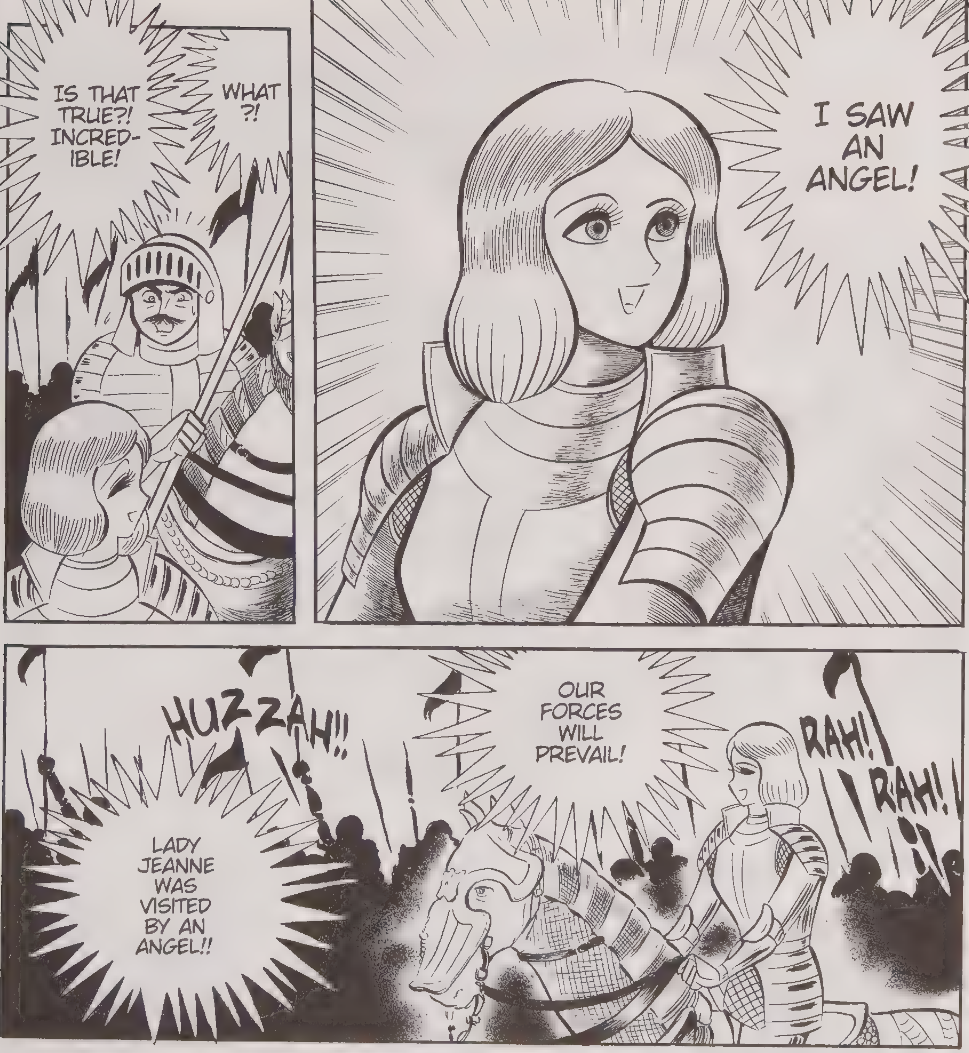
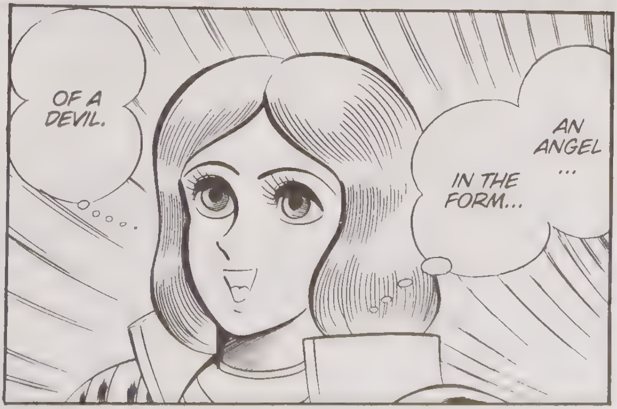
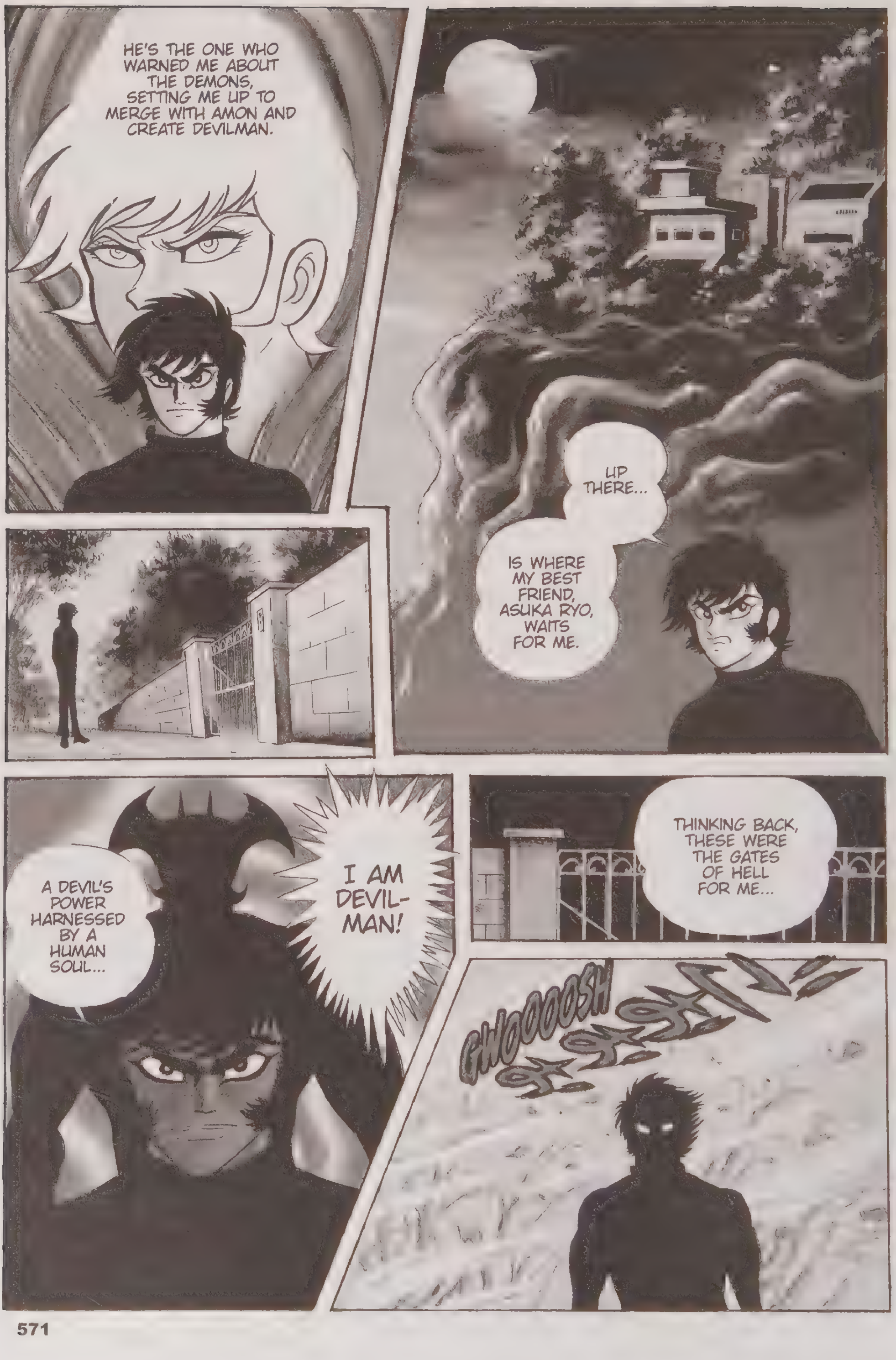
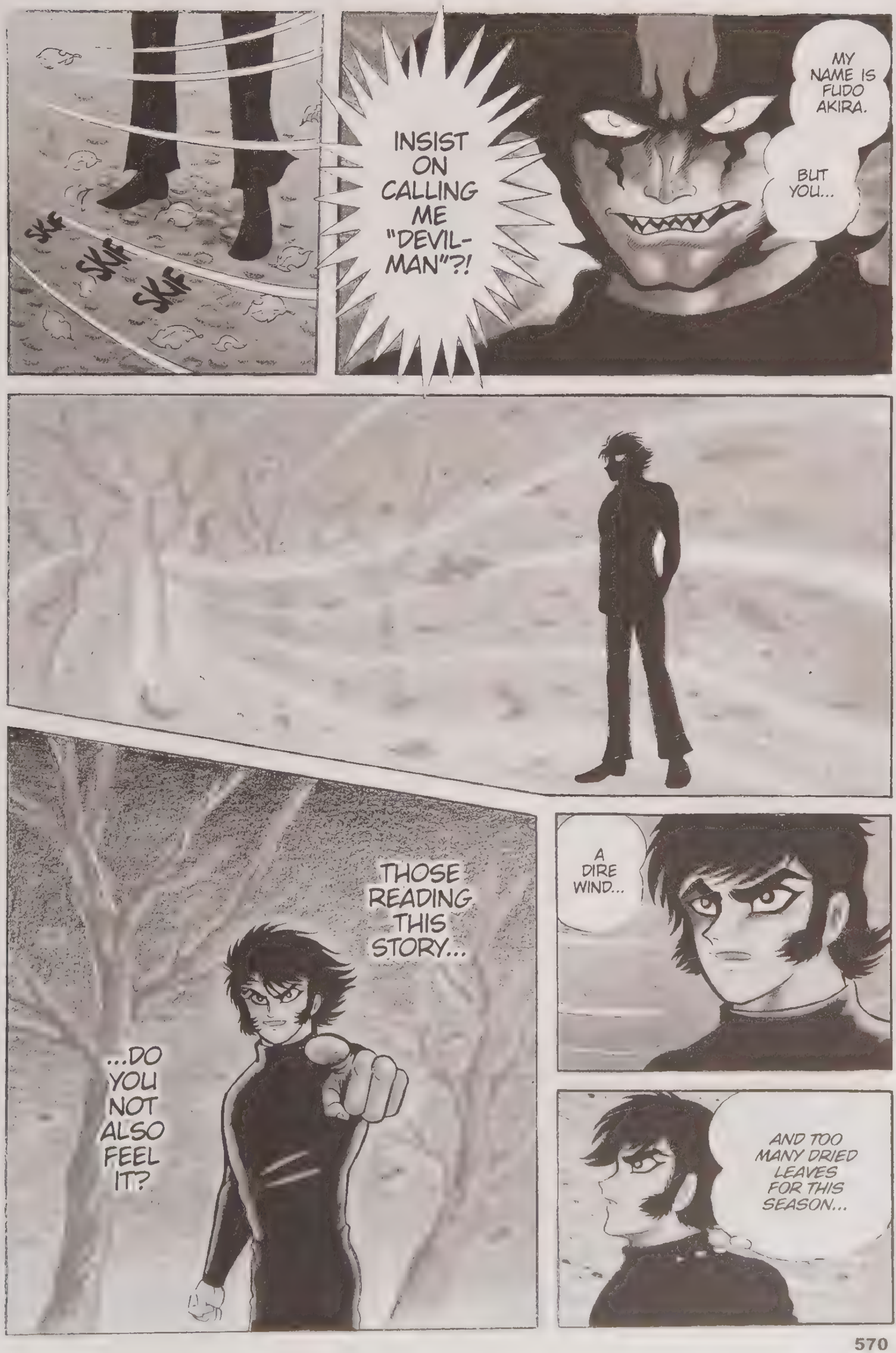

IS THAT TRUE?! INCREDIBLE!
WHAT ?!
I SAW AN ANGEL!
HUZZAH!!
LADY JEANNE WAS VISITED BY AN ANGEL!!
OUR FORCES WILL PREVAIL!
RAH! RAH!

History returned to normal. Jeanne d'Arc led France to victory. Several years after, she was tried as a witch by the Inquisition and burned at the stake.

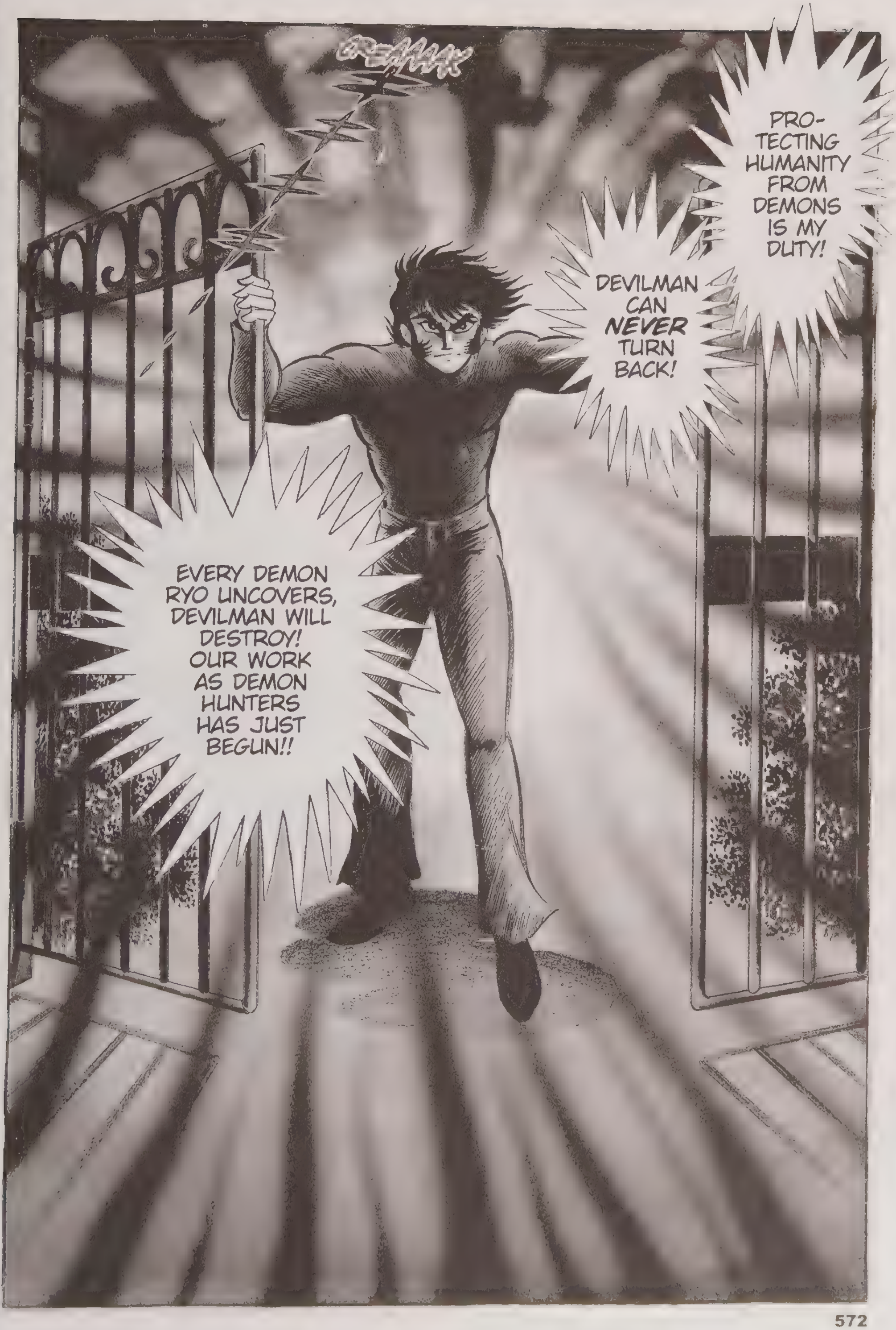

AN ANGEL ...
IN THE FORM...
OF A DEVIL.

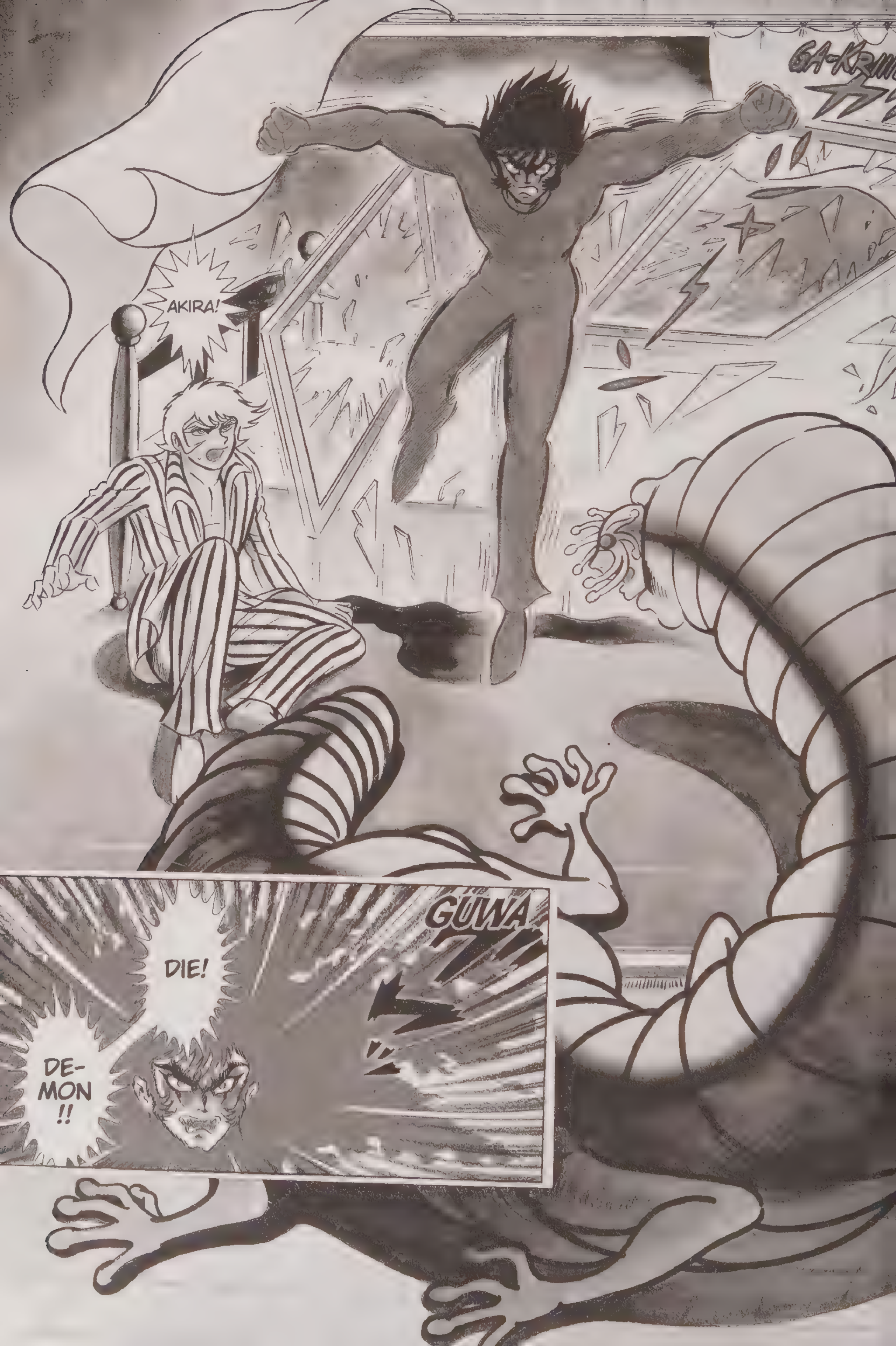

UP THERE...
IS WHERE MY BEST FRIEND, ASUKA RYO, WAITS FOR ME.
HE'S THE ONE WHO WARNED ME ABOUT THE DEMONS, SETTING ME UP TO MERGE WITH AMON AND CREATE DEVILMAN.
THINKING BACK, THESE WERE THE GATES OF HELL FOR ME...
I AM DEVIL-MAN!
A DEVIL'S POWER HARNESSED BY A HUMAN SOUL...
GWOOOOSH

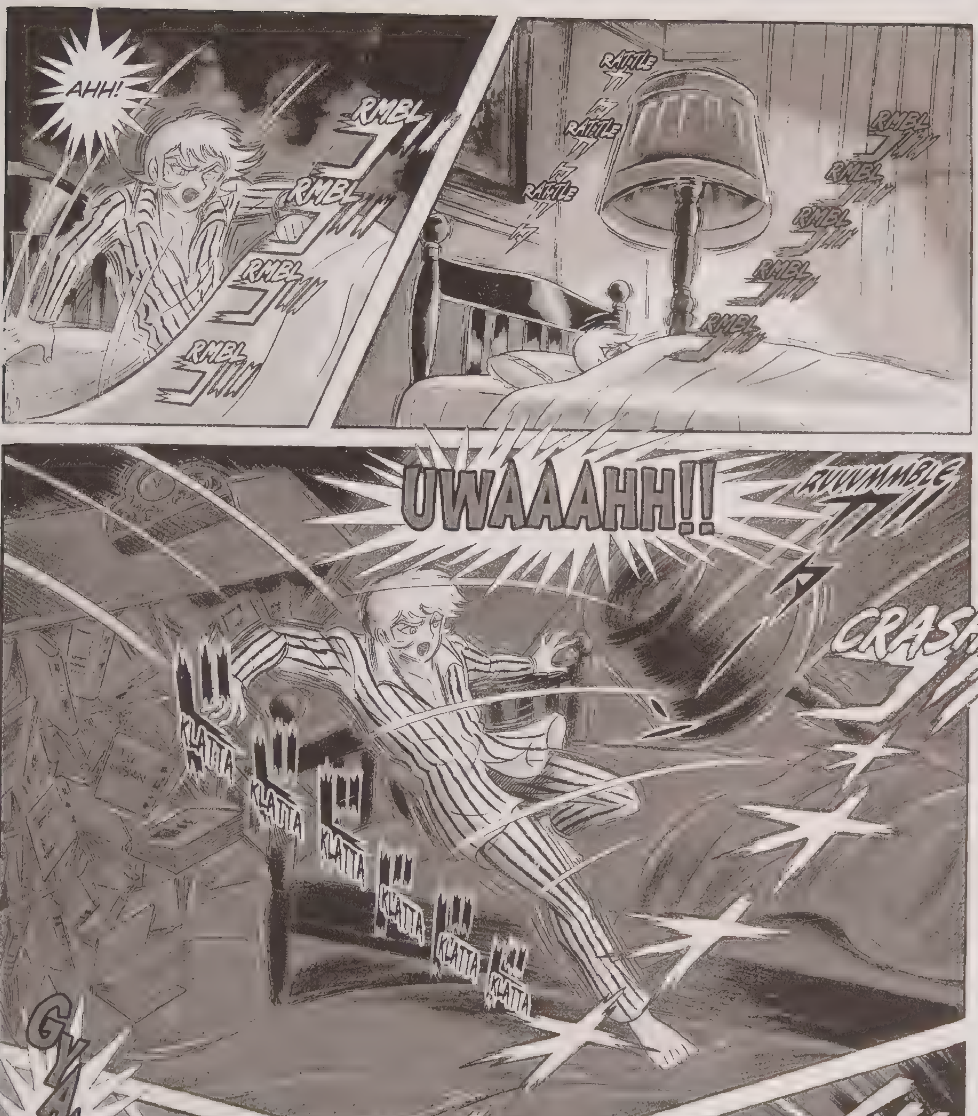

MY NAME IS FUDO AKIRA.
BUT YOU...
INSIST ON CALLING ME "DEVIL-MAN"?!
SKIF
SKIF
SKIF
A DIRE WIND...
AND TOO MANY DRIED LEAVES FOR THIS SEASON...
THOSE READING THIS STORY...
...DO YOU NOT ALSO FEEL IT?

Chapter 7: Late Spring in Vienna

(Assistance/Masaki Tsuji)


CREAAAK
PROTECTING HUMANITY FROM DEMONS IS MY DUTY!
DEVILMAN CAN **NEVER** TURN BACK!
EVERY DEMON RYO UNCOVERS, DEVILMAN WILL DESTROY! OUR WORK AS DEMON HUNTERS HAS JUST BEGUN!!


GA-KRII
AKIRA!
GUWA
DIE!
DE-MON!!


RATTLE
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AHH!
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UWAAAHH!!
RUUUMMBLE
CRASH
KLATTA
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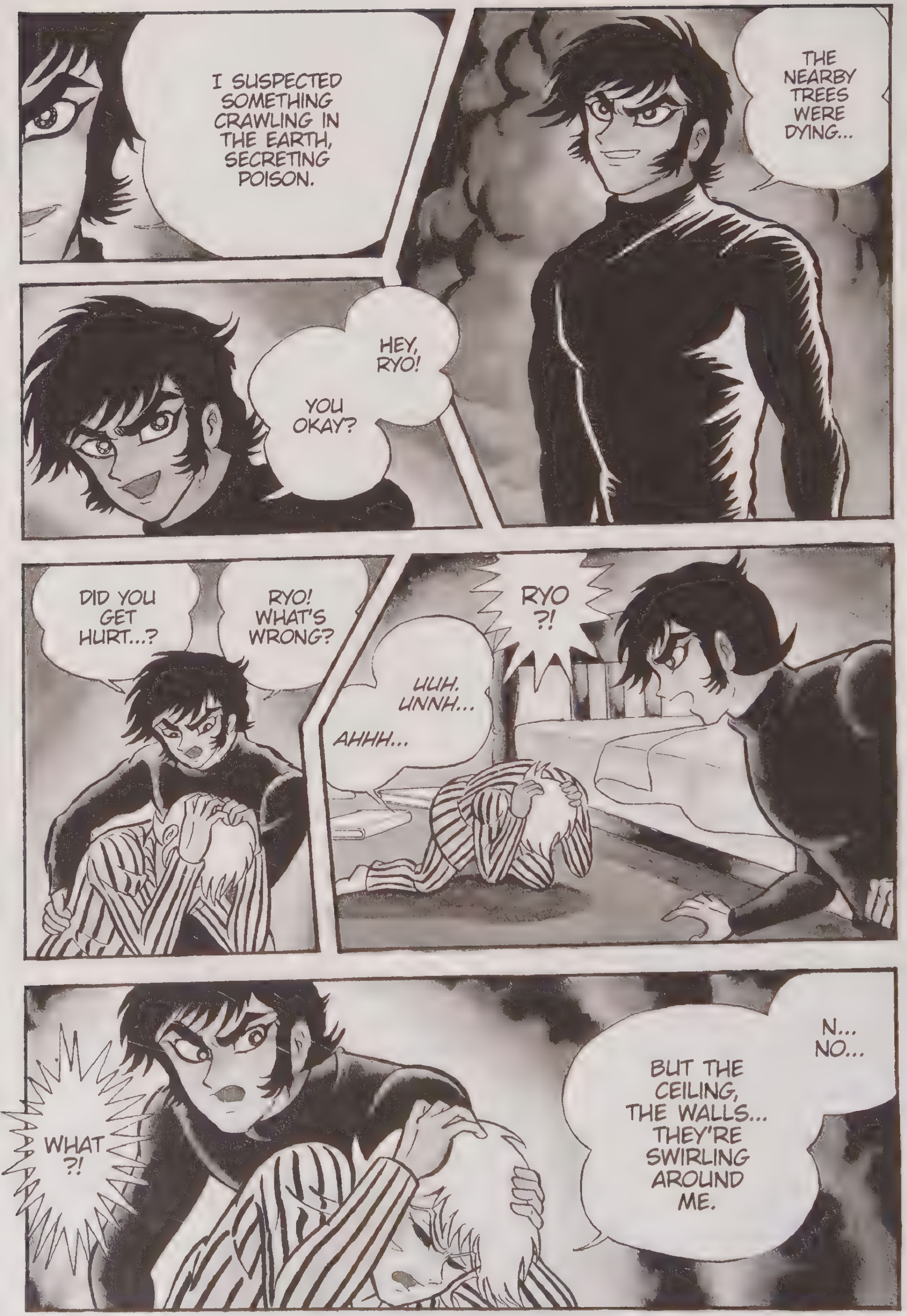
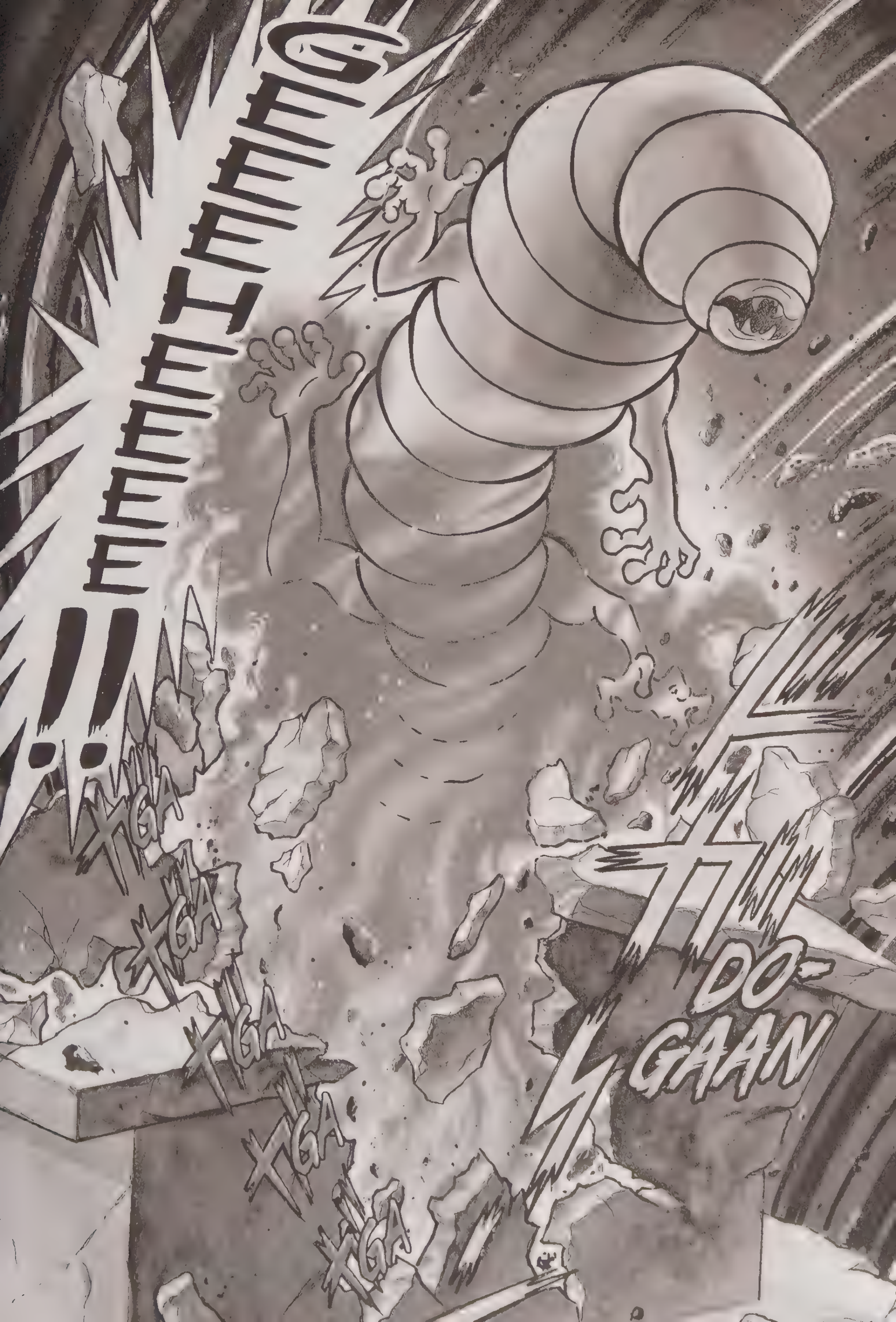
KLATTA
BA-RIIIN
GYAAAAH!!


THE NEARBY TREES WERE DYING...
I SUSPECTED SOMETHING CRAWLING IN THE EARTH, SECRETING POISON.
HEY, RYO!
YOU OKAY?
RYO ?!
UUH. UNNH...
AHHH...
RYO! WHAT'S WRONG?
DID YOU GET HURT...?
N... NO...
BUT THE CEILING, THE WALLS... THEY'RE SWIRLING AROUND ME.
WHAT ?!


GEEEHEEEEEE!!
DO-GAAN
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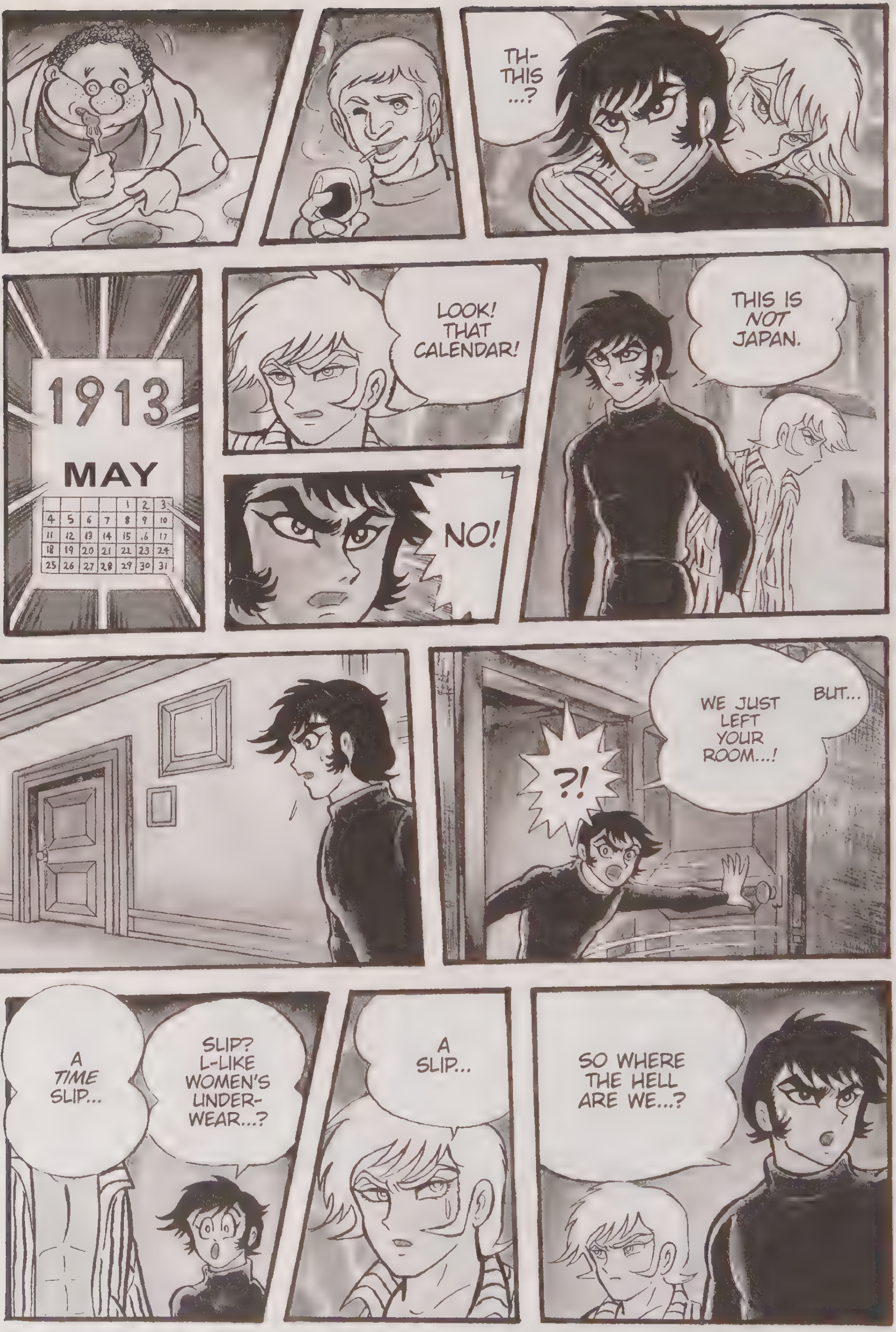
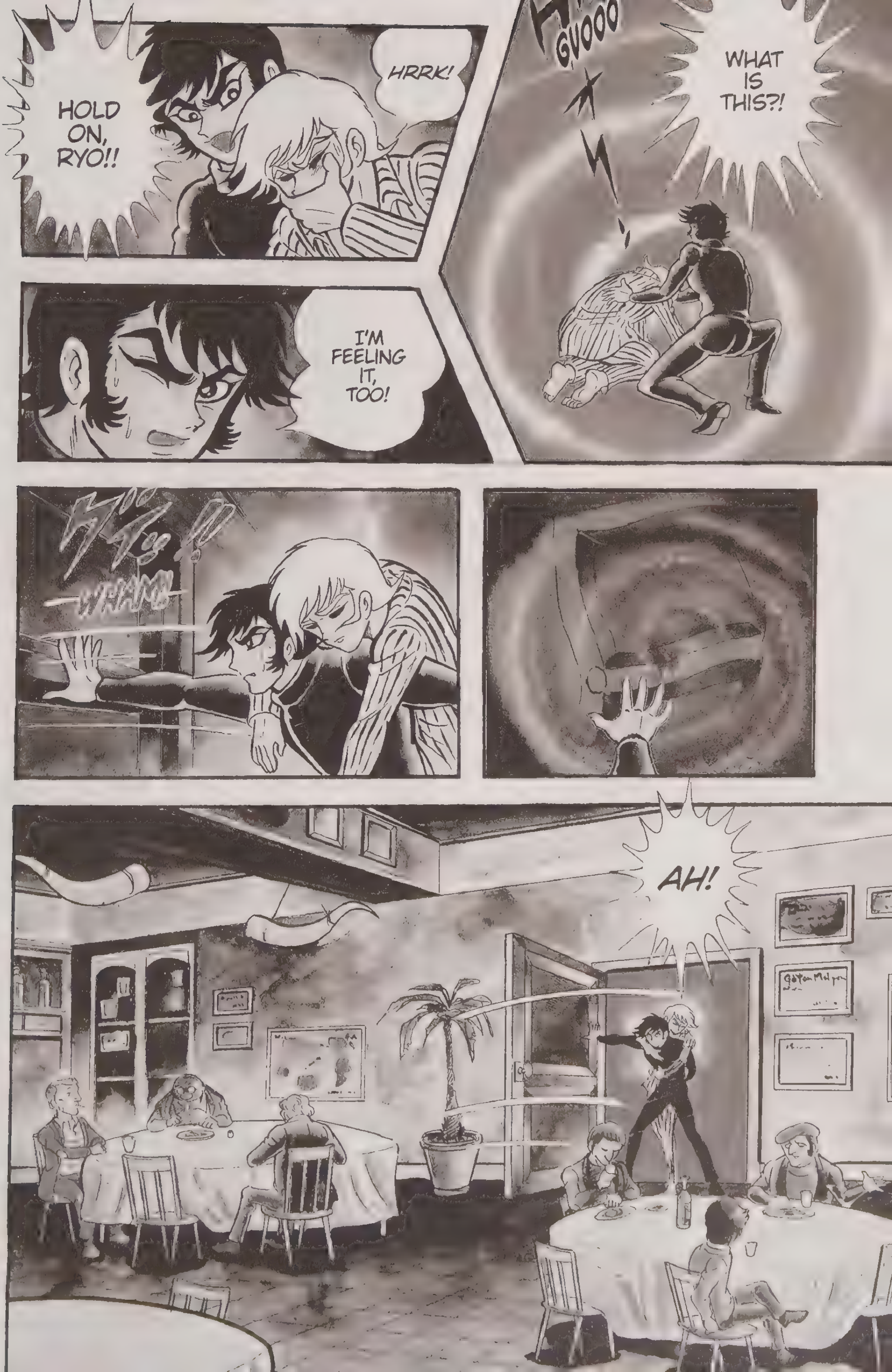
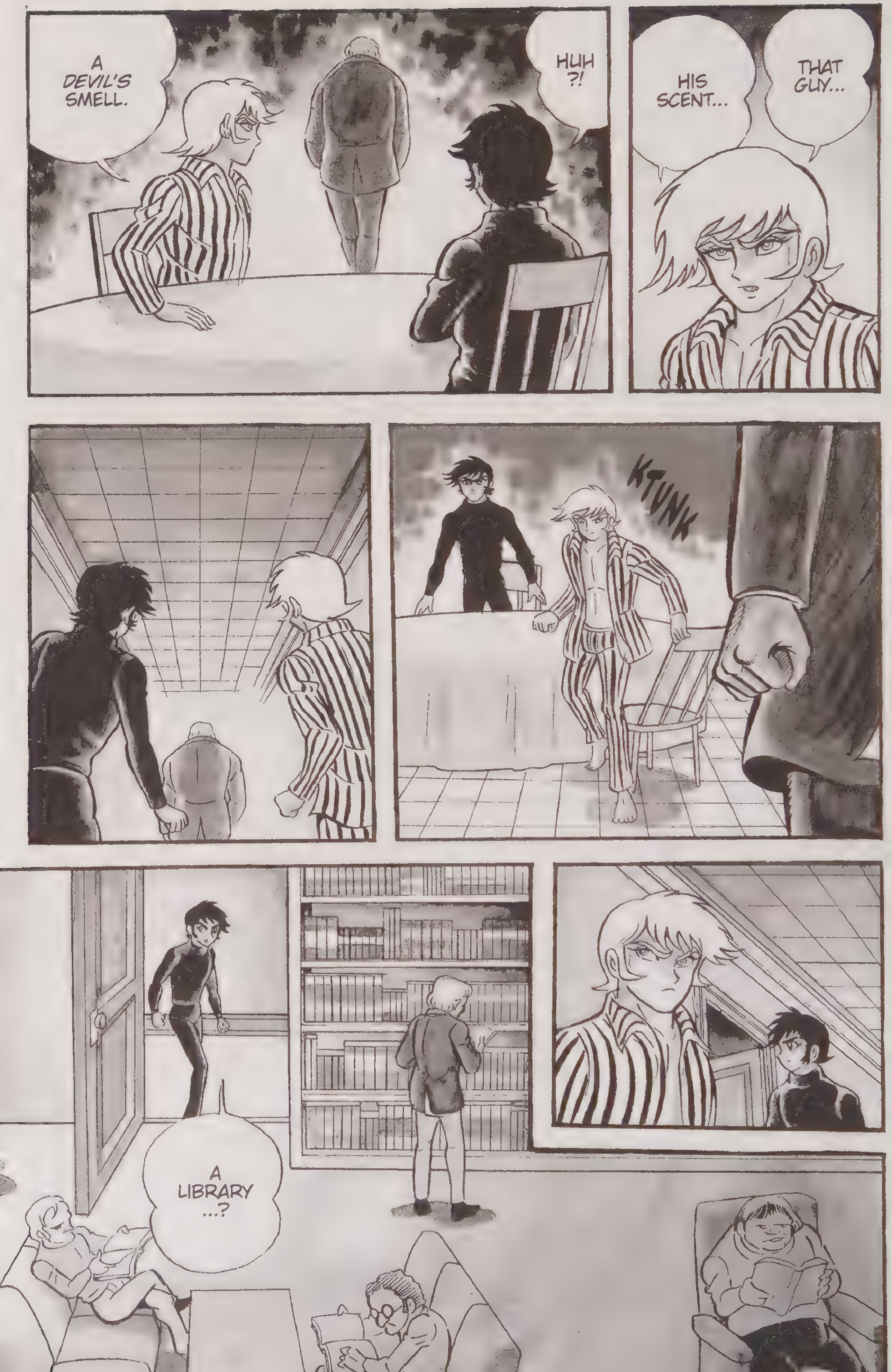
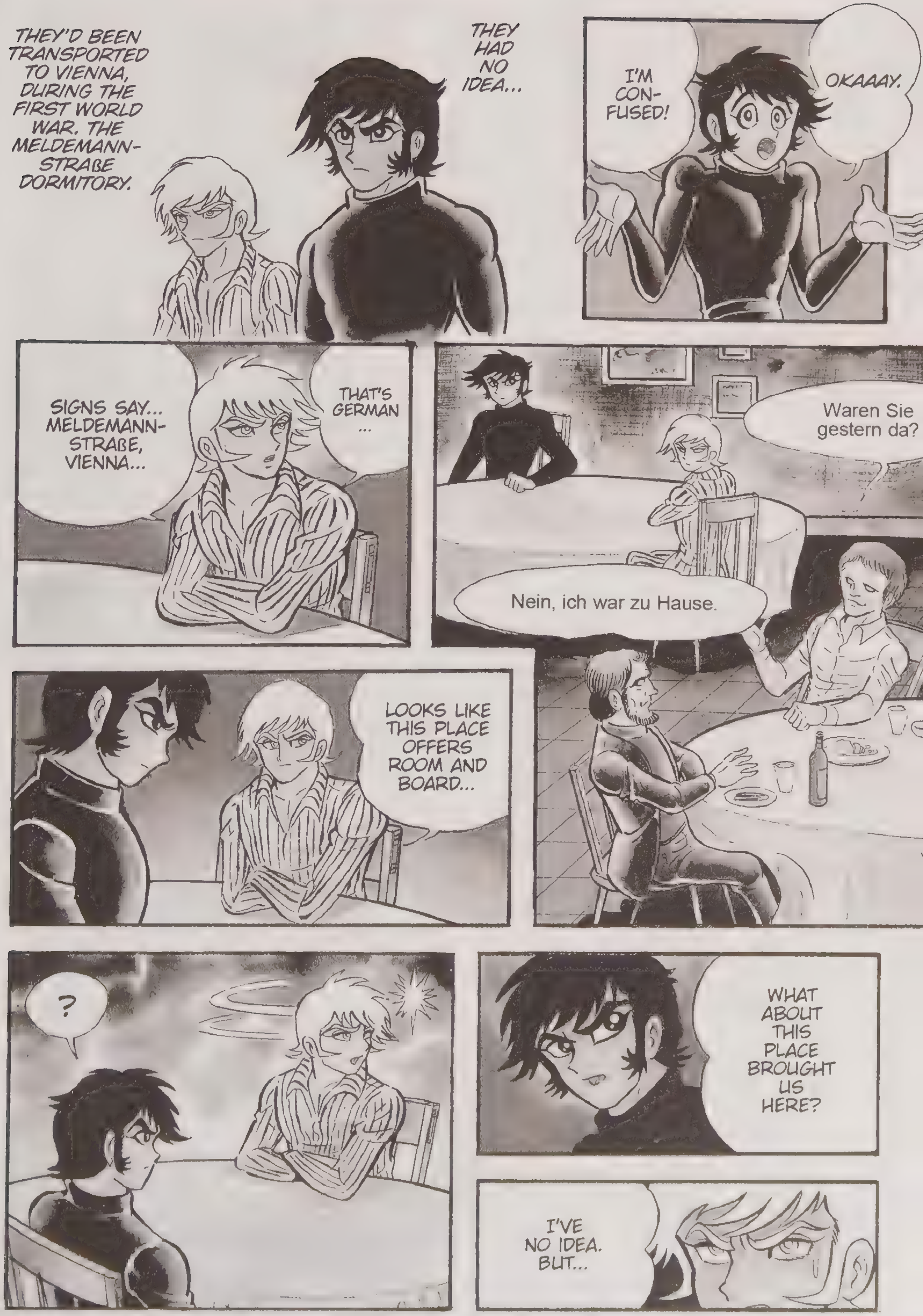
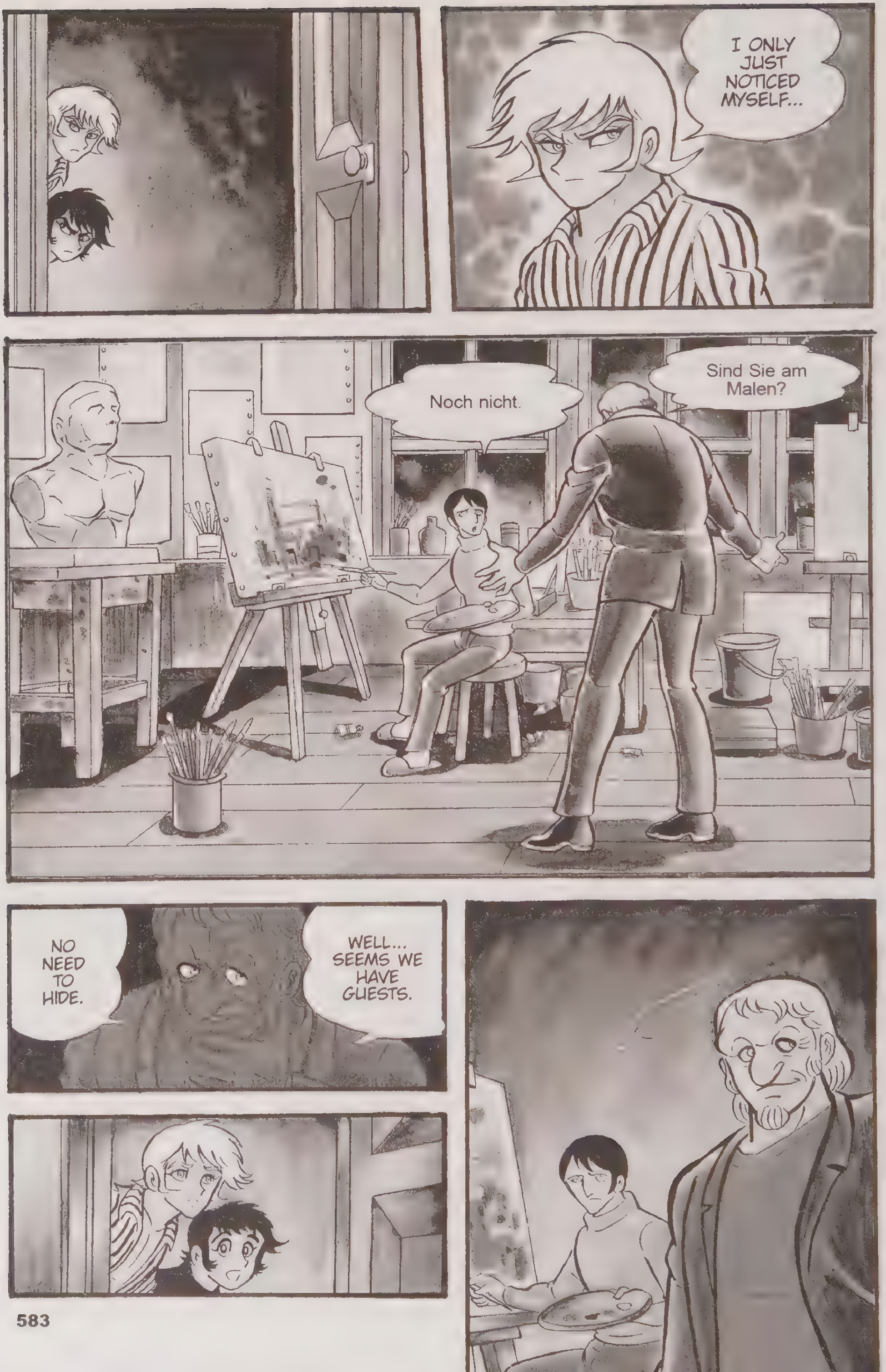
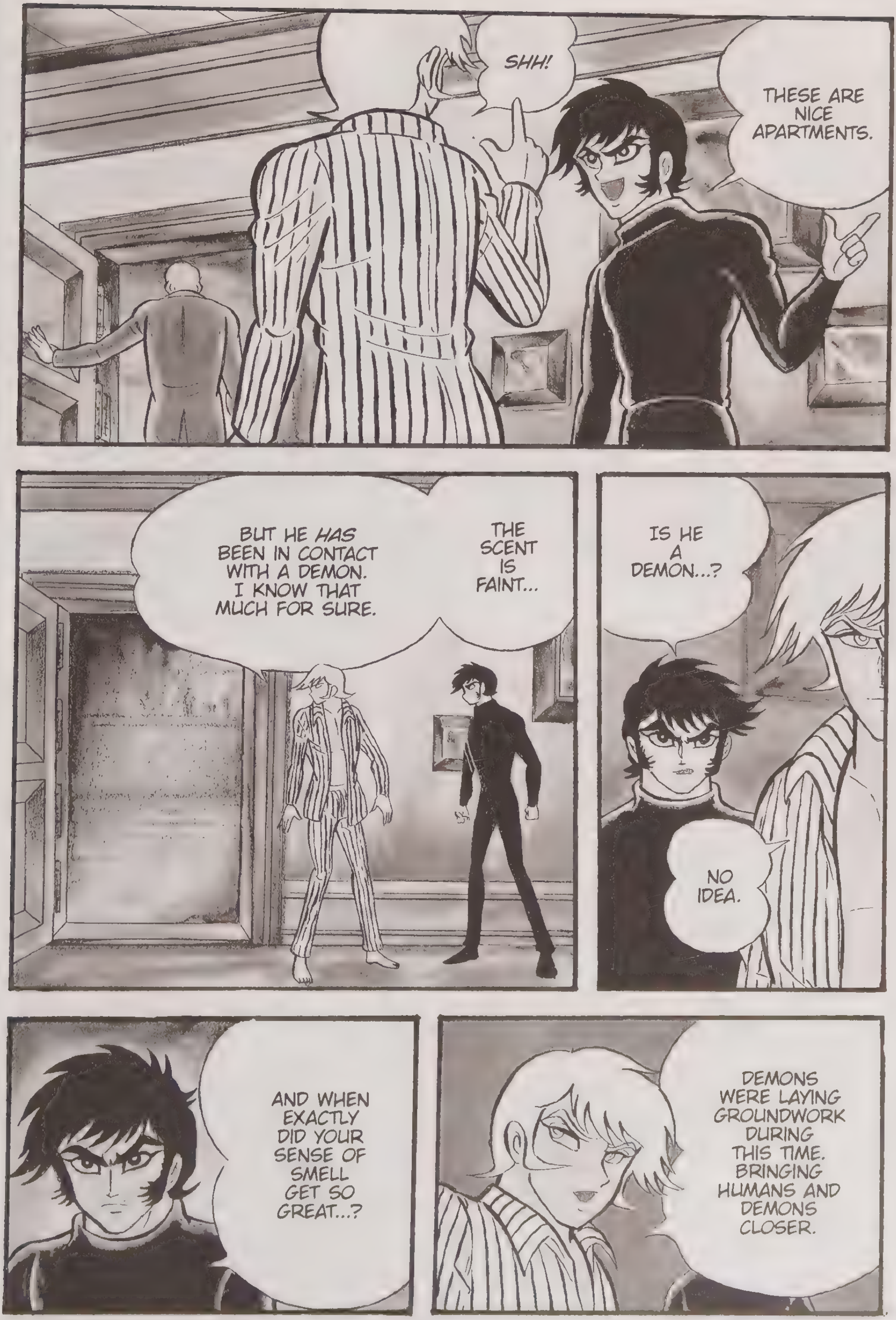

TH-THIS ...?
THIS IS NOT JAPAN.
LOOK! THAT CALENDAR!
NO!
1913
MAY
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
BUT...
WE JUST LEFT YOUR ROOM...!
?!
SO WHERE THE HELL ARE WE...?
A SLIP...
SLIP? L-LIKE WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR...?
A TIME SLIP...

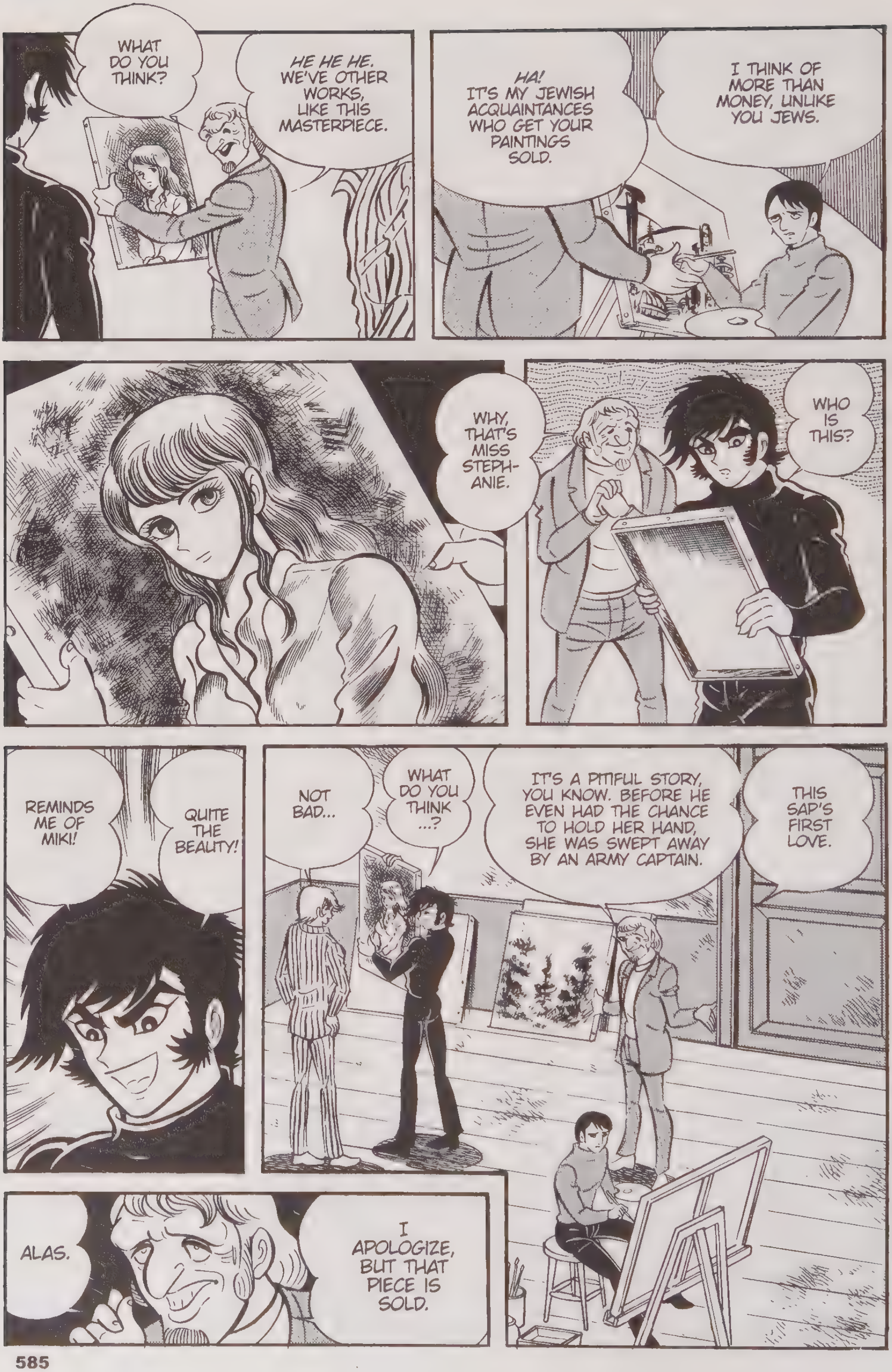

GVOOO
WHAT IS THIS?!
HRRK!
HOLD ON, RYO!!
I'M FEELING IT, TOO!
WHAM!
AH!

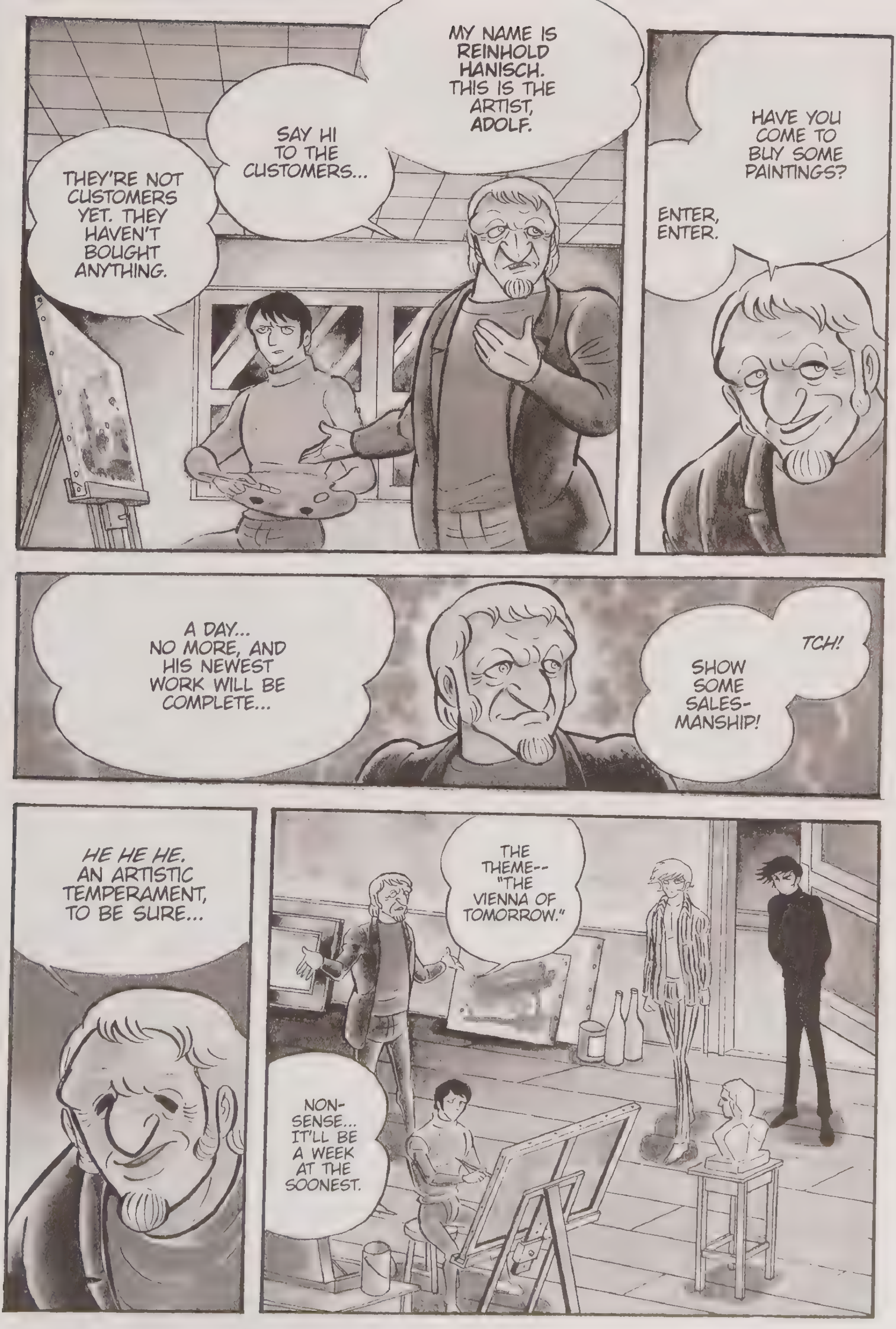

HUH ?!
A DEVIL'S SMELL.
THAT GUY...
HIS SCENT...
K-TUNK
A LIBRARY ...?

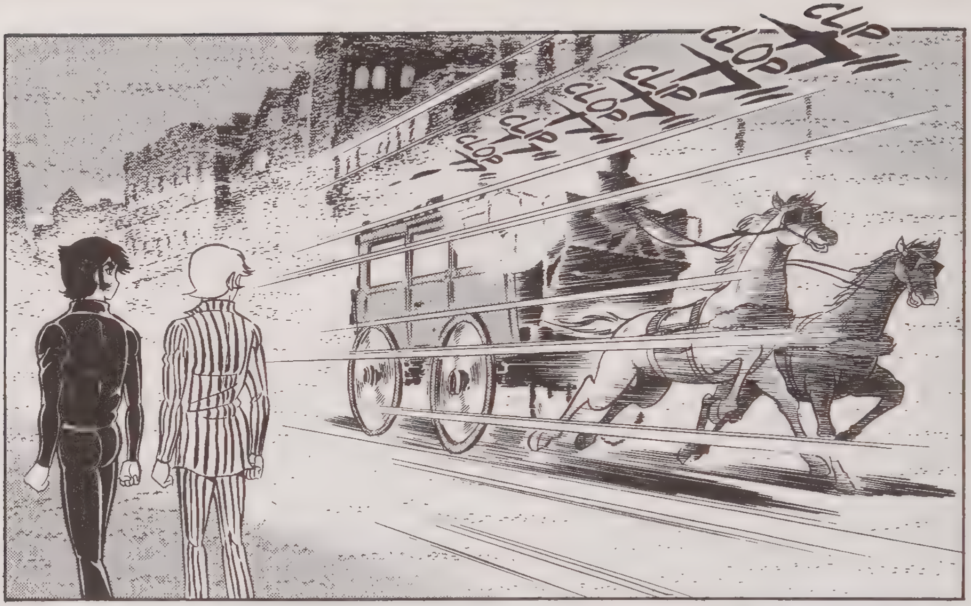

THEY'D BEEN TRANSPORTED TO VIENNA, DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THE MELDEMANN-STRAßE DORMITORY.
THEY HAD NO IDEA...
I'M CONFUSED!
OKAAAY.
SIGNS SAY... MELDEMANN-STRAßE, VIENNA...
THAT'S GERMAN ...
Waren Sie gestern da?
Nein, ich war zu Hause.
LOOKS LIKE THIS PLACE OFFERS ROOM AND BOARD...
?
WHAT ABOUT THIS PLACE BROUGHT US HERE?
I'VE NO IDEA. BUT...


I ONLY JUST NOTICED MYSELF...
Sind Sie am Malen?
Noch nicht.
WELL... SEEMS WE HAVE GUESTS.
NO NEED TO HIDE.


THESE ARE NICE APARTMENTS.
SHH!
IS HE A DEMON...?
NO IDEA.
THE SCENT IS FAINT...
BUT HE *HAS* BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A DEMON. I KNOW THAT MUCH FOR SURE.
DEMONS WERE LAYING GROUNDWORK DURING THIS TIME. BRINGING HUMANS AND DEMONS CLOSER.
AND WHEN EXACTLY DID YOUR SENSE OF SMELL GET SO GREAT...?


I THINK OF MORE THAN MONEY, UNLIKE YOU JEWS.
HA! IT'S MY JEWISH ACQUAINTANCES WHO GET YOUR PAINTINGS SOLD.
HE HE HE. WE'VE OTHER WORKS, LIKE THIS MASTERPIECE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WHO IS THIS?
WHY, THAT'S MISS STEPHANIE.
THIS SAP'S FIRST LOVE.
IT'S A PITIFUL STORY, YOU KNOW. BEFORE HE EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO HOLD HER HAND, SHE WAS SWEPT AWAY BY AN ARMY CAPTAIN.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ...?
NOT BAD...
QUITE THE BEAUTY!
REMINDS ME OF MIKI!
I APOLOGIZE, BUT THAT PIECE IS SOLD.
ALAS.


HAVE YOU COME TO BUY SOME PAINTINGS?
ENTER, ENTER.
MY NAME IS REINHOLD HANISCH. THIS IS THE ARTIST, ADOLF.
SAY HI TO THE CUSTOMERS...
THEY'RE NOT CUSTOMERS YET. THEY HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYTHING.
TCH!
SHOW SOME SALESMANSHIP!
A DAY... NO MORE, AND HIS NEWEST WORK WILL BE COMPLETE...
THE THEME-- "THE VIENNA OF TOMORROW."
NONSENSE... IT'LL BE A WEEK AT THE SOONEST.
HE HE HE. AN ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT, TO BE SURE...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CLOP
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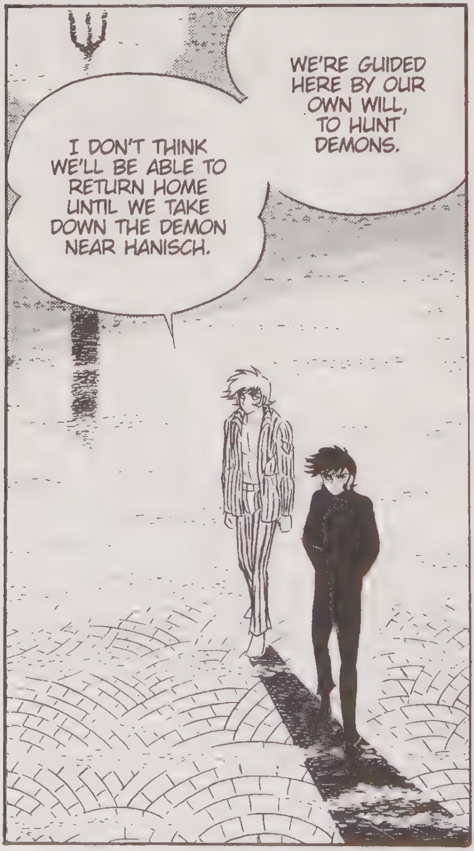
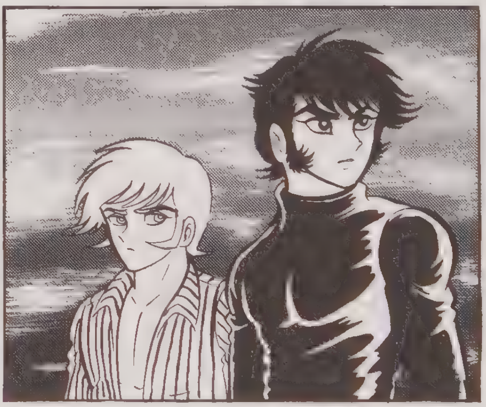
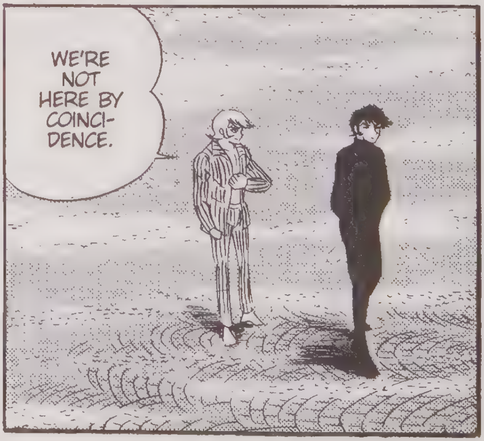
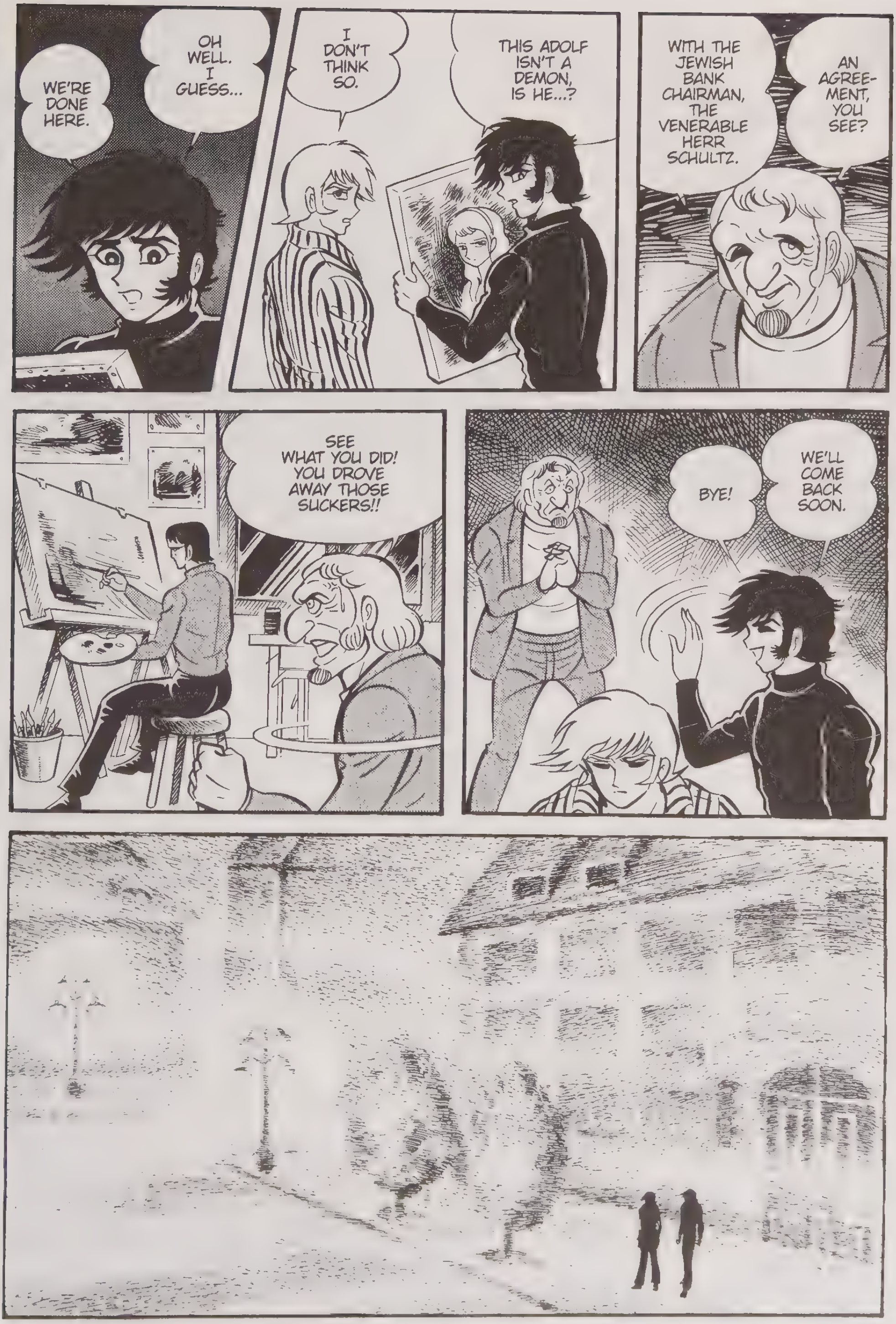
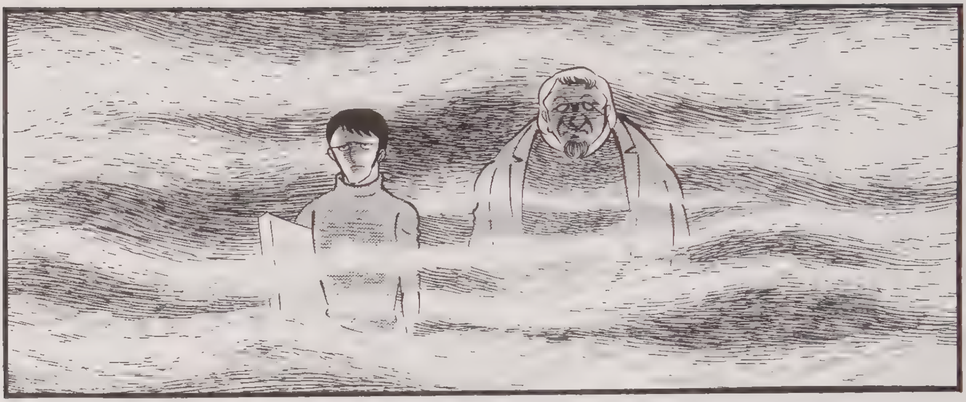
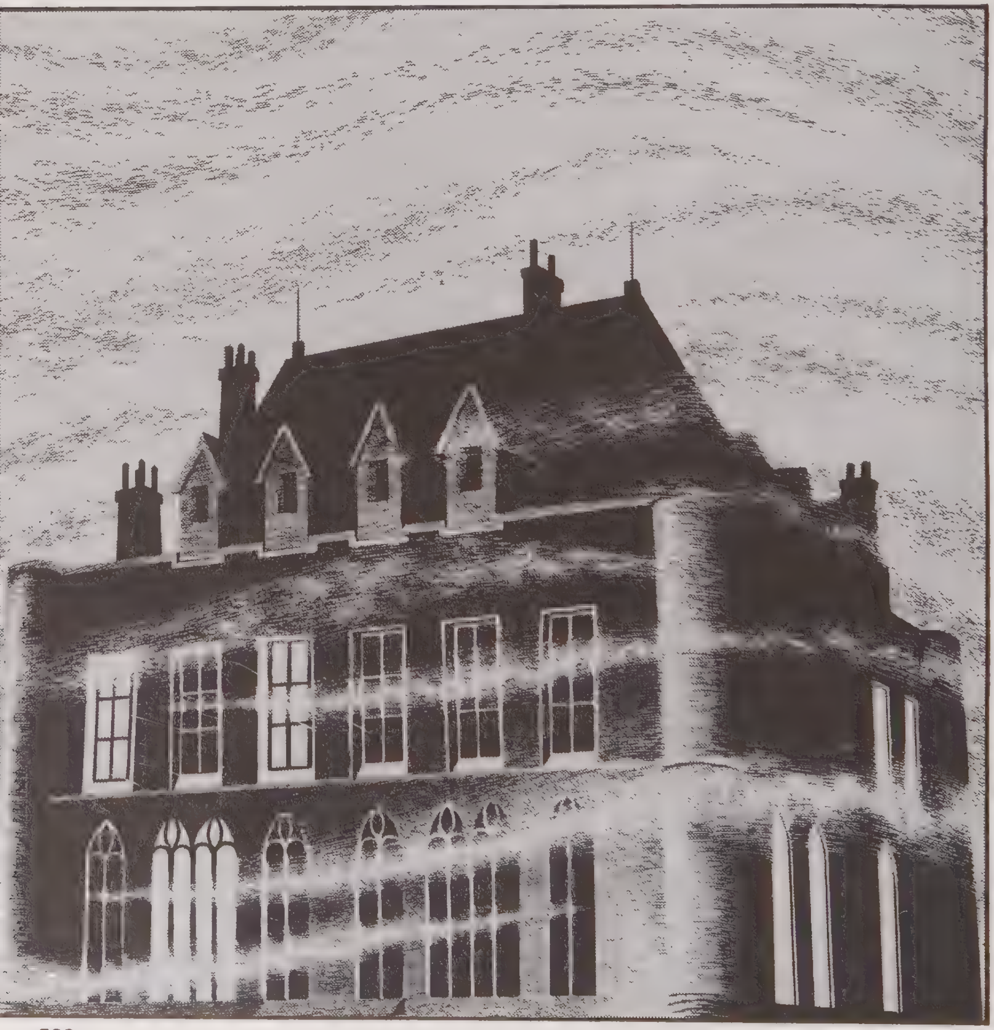

I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME UNTIL WE TAKE DOWN THE DEMON NEAR HANISCH.
WE'RE GUIDED HERE BY OUR OWN WILL, TO HUNT DEMONS.

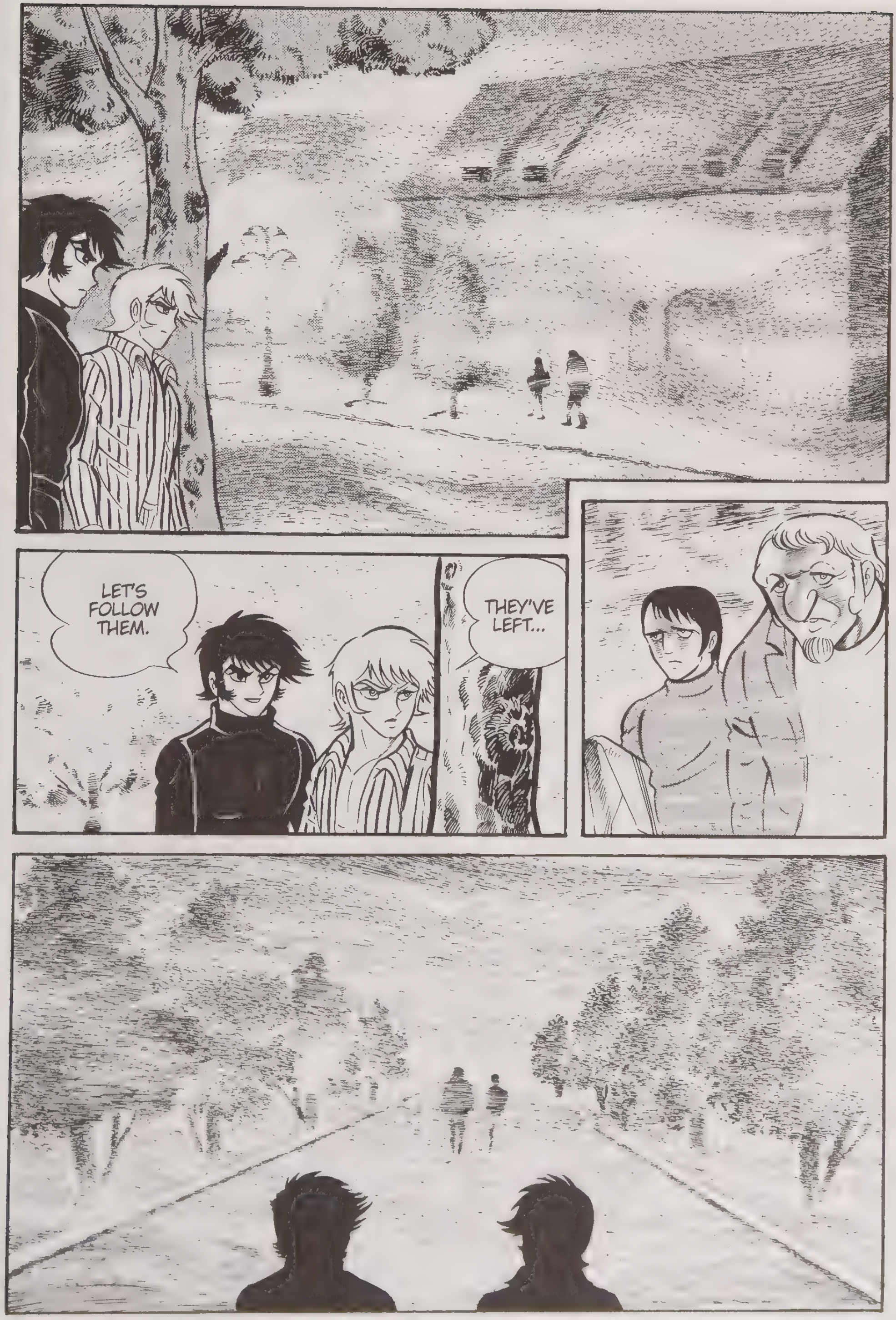


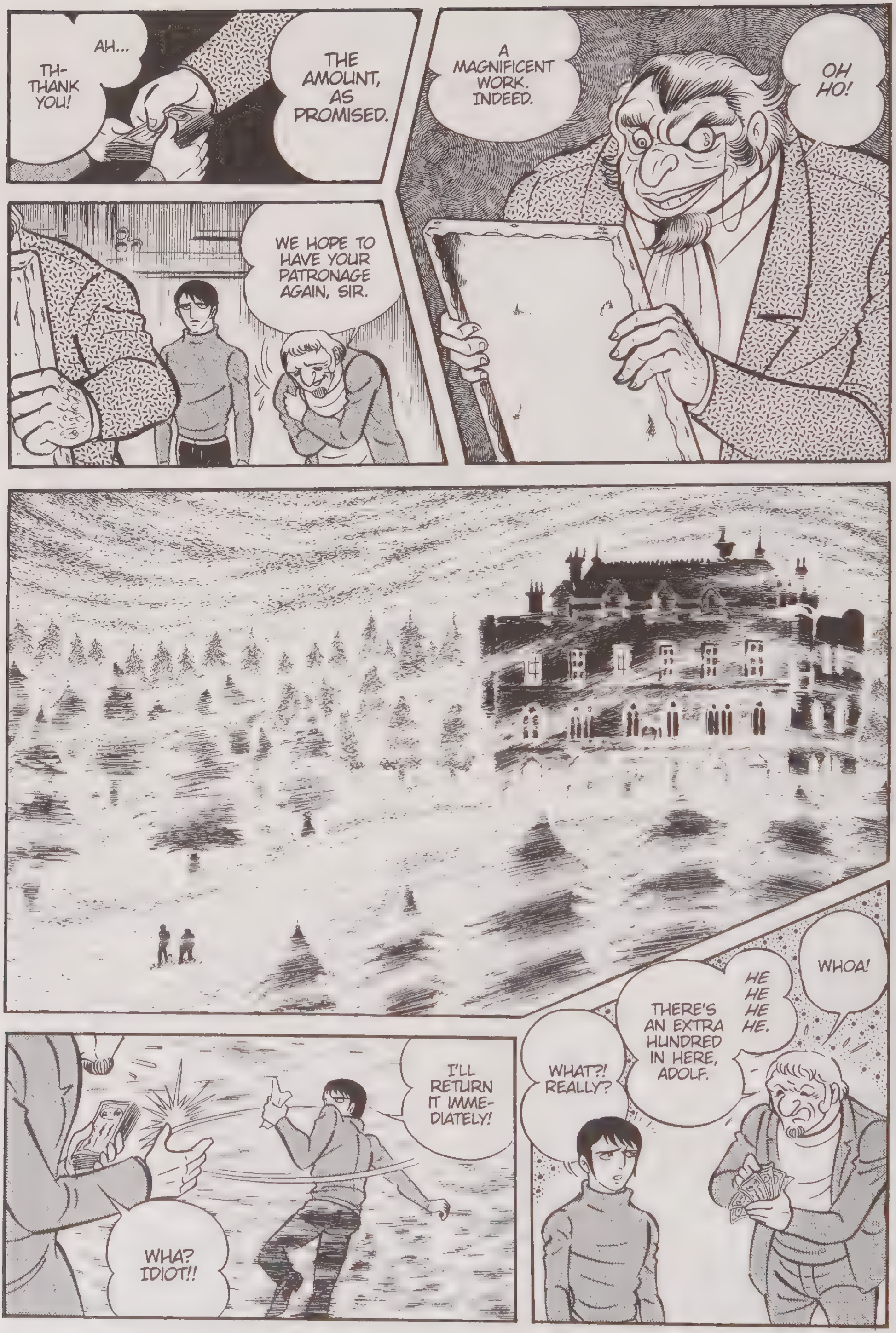

WE'RE NOT HERE BY COINCIDENCE.

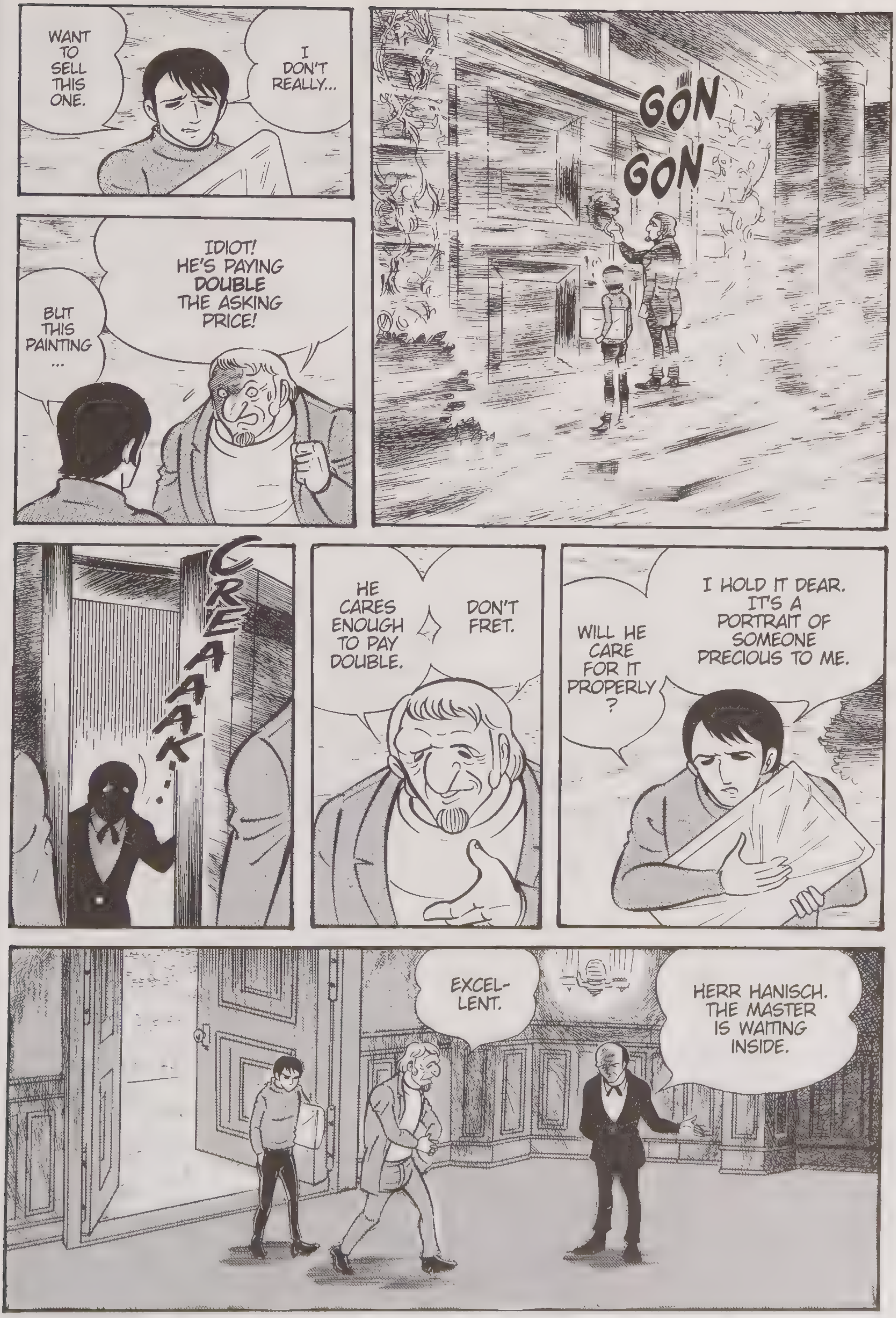

AN AGREEMENT, YOU SEE?
WITH THE JEWISH BANK CHAIRMAN, THE VENERABLE HERR SCHULTZ.
THIS ADOLF ISN'T A DEMON, IS HE...?
I DON'T THINK SO.
OH WELL. I GUESS...
WE'RE DONE HERE.
WE'LL COME BACK SOON.
BYE!
SEE WHAT YOU DID! YOU DROVE AWAY THOSE SUCKERS!!

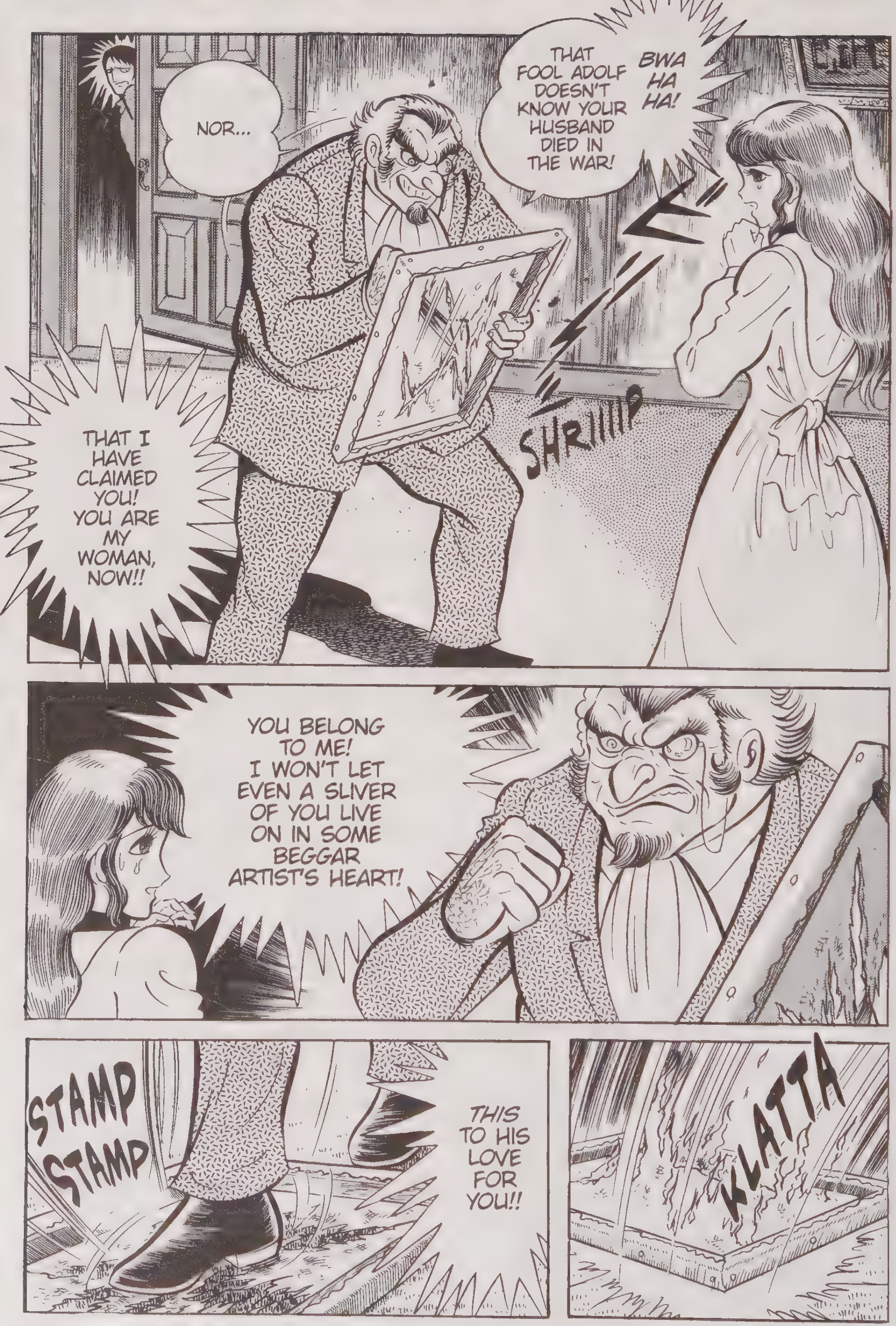


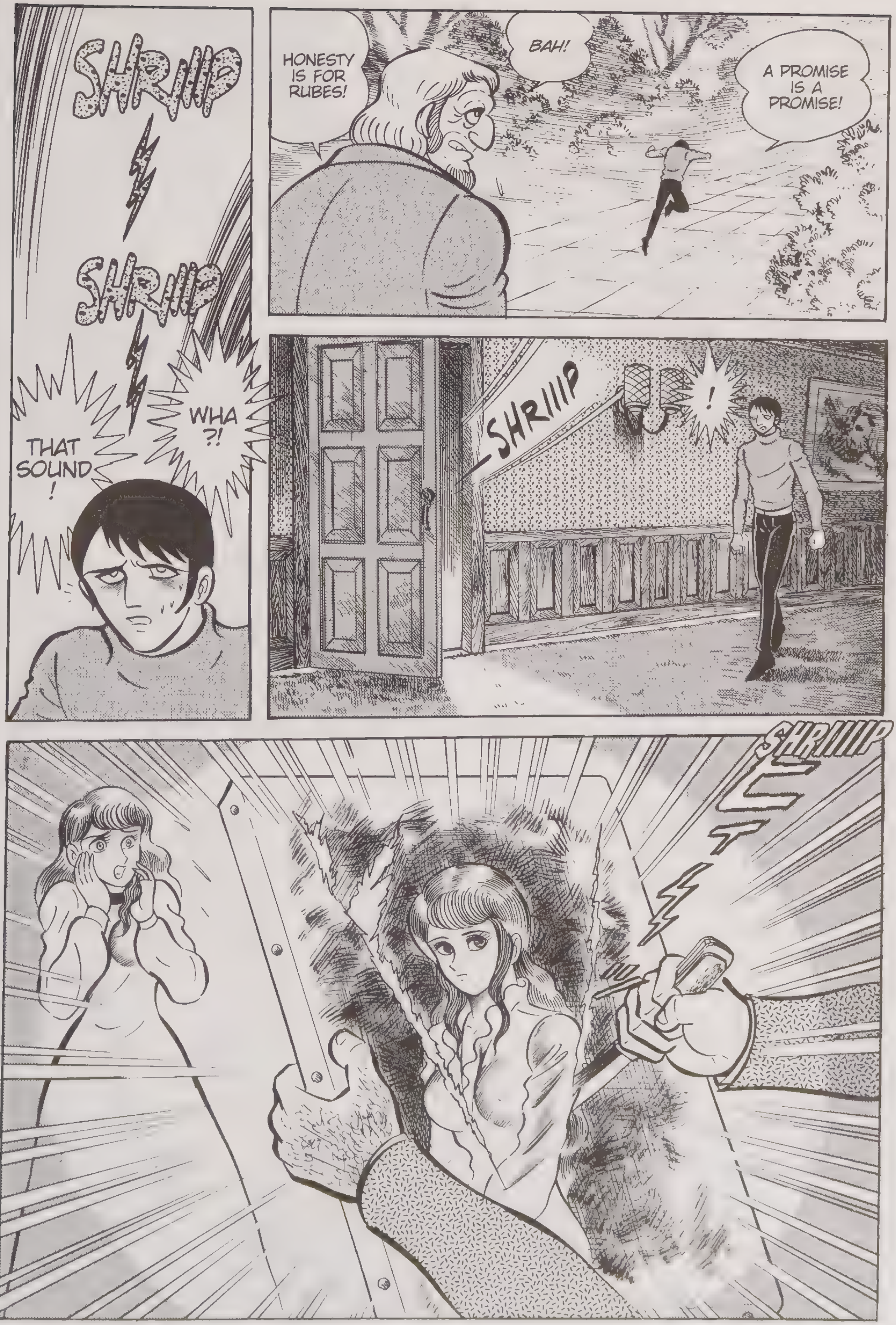


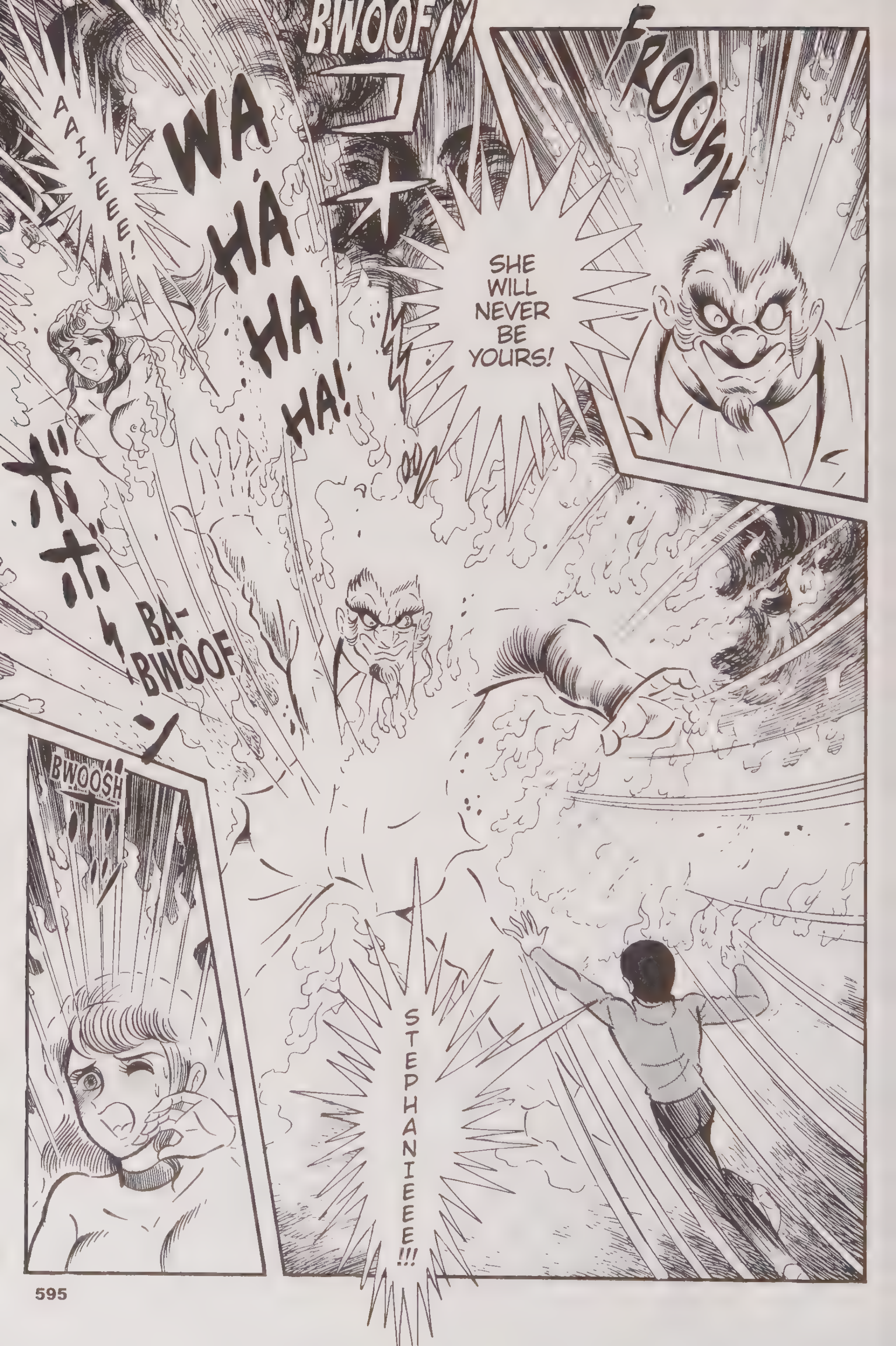

THEY'VE LEFT...
LET'S FOLLOW THEM.

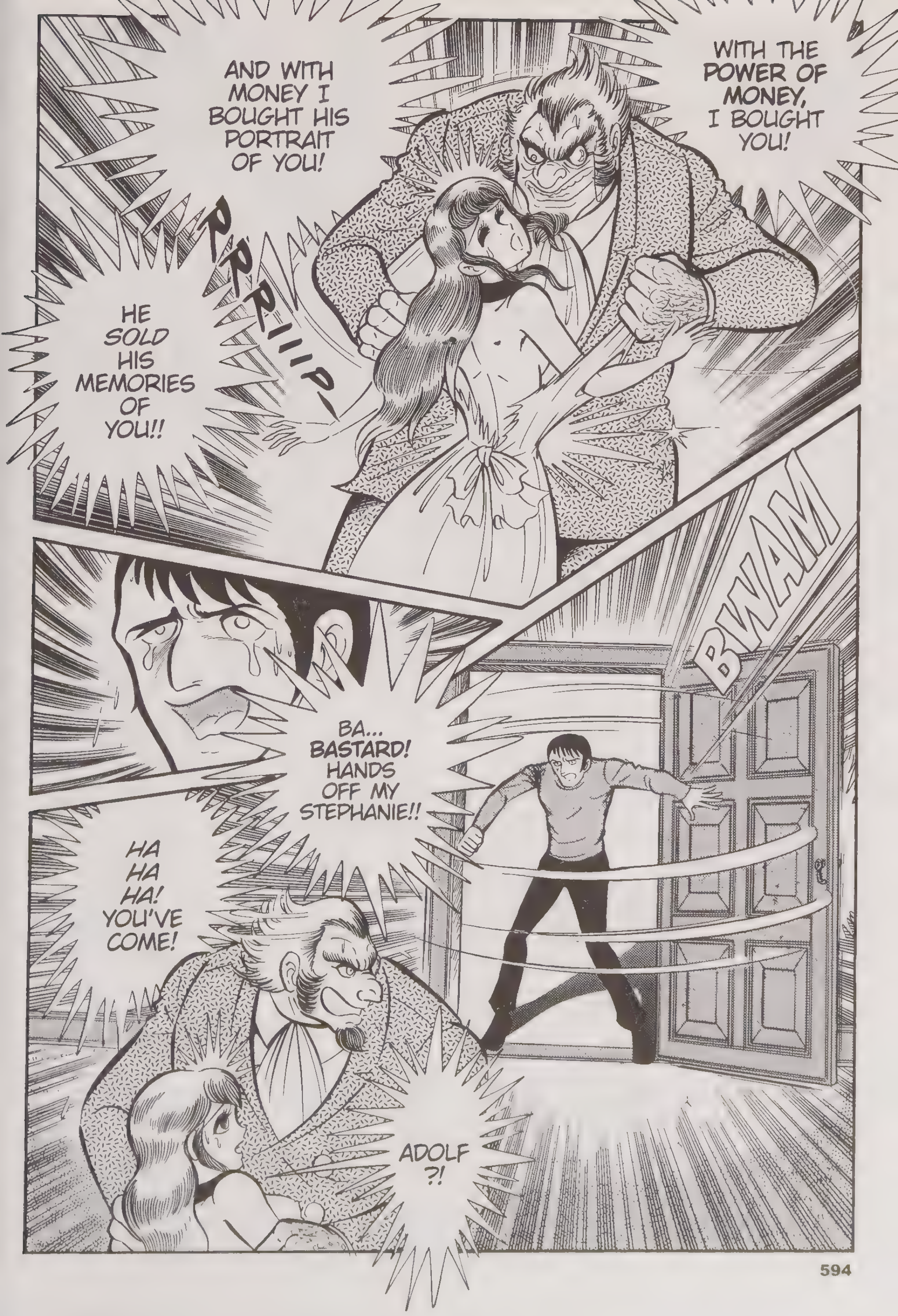

THE AMOUNT, AS PROMISED.
AH...
TH- THANK YOU!
A MAGNIFICENT WORK. INDEED.
OH HO!
WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR PATRONAGE AGAIN, SIR.
WHOA!
HE HE HE HE.
THERE'S AN EXTRA HUNDRED IN HERE, ADOLF.
WHAT?! REALLY?
I'LL RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY!
WHA? IDIOT!!

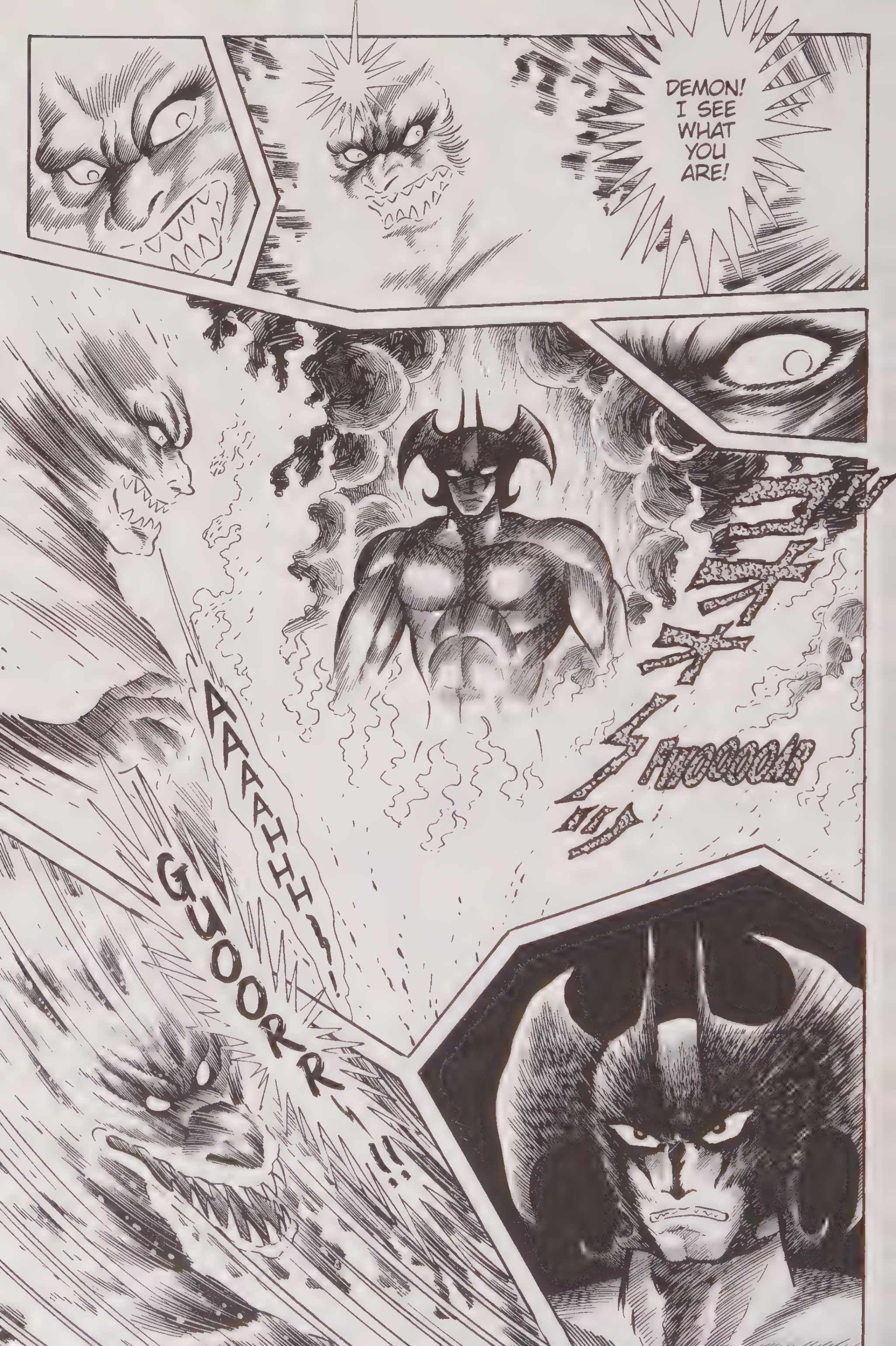

GON GON
I DON'T REALLY...
WANT TO SELL THIS ONE.
IDIOT! HE'S PAYING DOUBLE THE ASKING PRICE!
BUT THIS PAINTING ...
I HOLD IT DEAR. IT'S A PORTRAIT OF SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO ME.
WILL HE CARE FOR IT PROPERLY ?
DON'T FRET.
HE CARES ENOUGH TO PAY DOUBLE.
CREAAAK...
HERR HANISCH. THE MASTER IS WAITING INSIDE.
EXCEL-LENT.

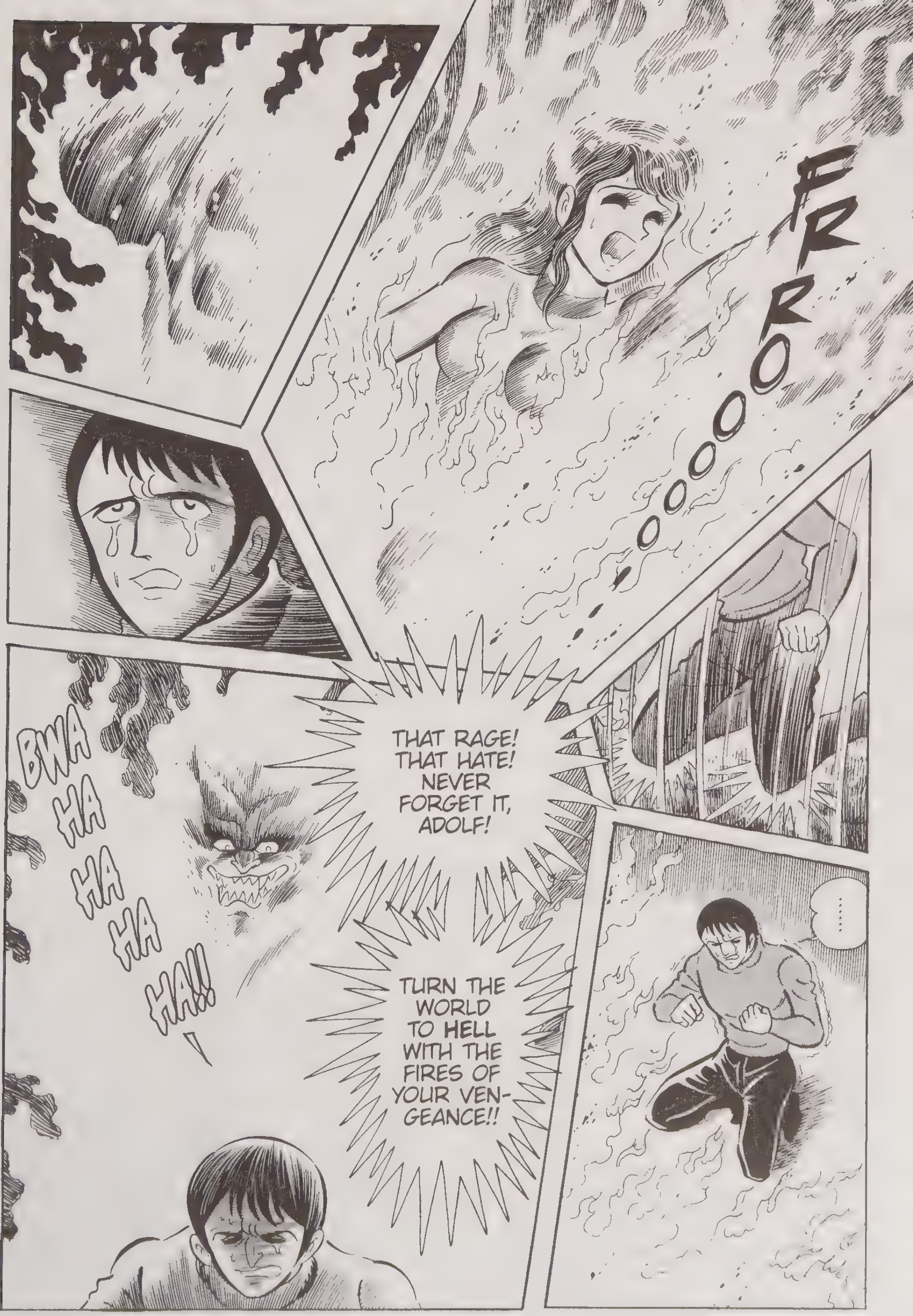

THAT FOOL ADOLF DOESN'T KNOW YOUR HUSBAND DIED IN THE WAR!
BWA HA HA!
SHRIIIIP
NOR...
THAT I HAVE CLAIMED YOU! YOU ARE MY WOMAN, NOW!!
YOU BELONG TO ME! I WON'T LET EVEN A SLIVER OF YOU LIVE ON IN SOME BEGGAR ARTIST'S HEART!
STAMP STAMP
THIS TO HIS LOVE FOR YOU!!
KLATTA


A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!
BAH!
HONESTY IS FOR RUBES!
SHRIIIP
!
SHRIIIP
SHRIIIP
WHA ?!
THAT SOUND !
SHRIIIIP


BWOOF!!
ゴォ
FROOSH
SHE WILL NEVER BE YOURS!
WA HA HA HA HA!
AAIIEEEE!
ボボン
BA-BWOOF
BWOOSH
STEPHANIEEE!!!


WITH THE POWER OF MONEY, I BOUGHT YOU!
AND WITH MONEY I BOUGHT HIS PORTRAIT OF YOU!
RRRIIIP
HE SOLD HIS MEMORIES OF YOU!!
BWAM
BA... BASTARD! HANDS OFF MY STEPHANIE!!
HA HA HA! YOU'VE COME!
ADOLF ?!


DEMON! I SEE WHAT YOU ARE!
FWOOOOM
AAAAHHH!!!
GUOORR!!


FRROOOOOOO
THAT RAGE! THAT HATE! NEVER FORGET IT, ADOLF!
BWA HA HA HA HA!!
TURN THE WORLD TO HELL WITH THE FIRES OF YOUR VENGEANCE!!
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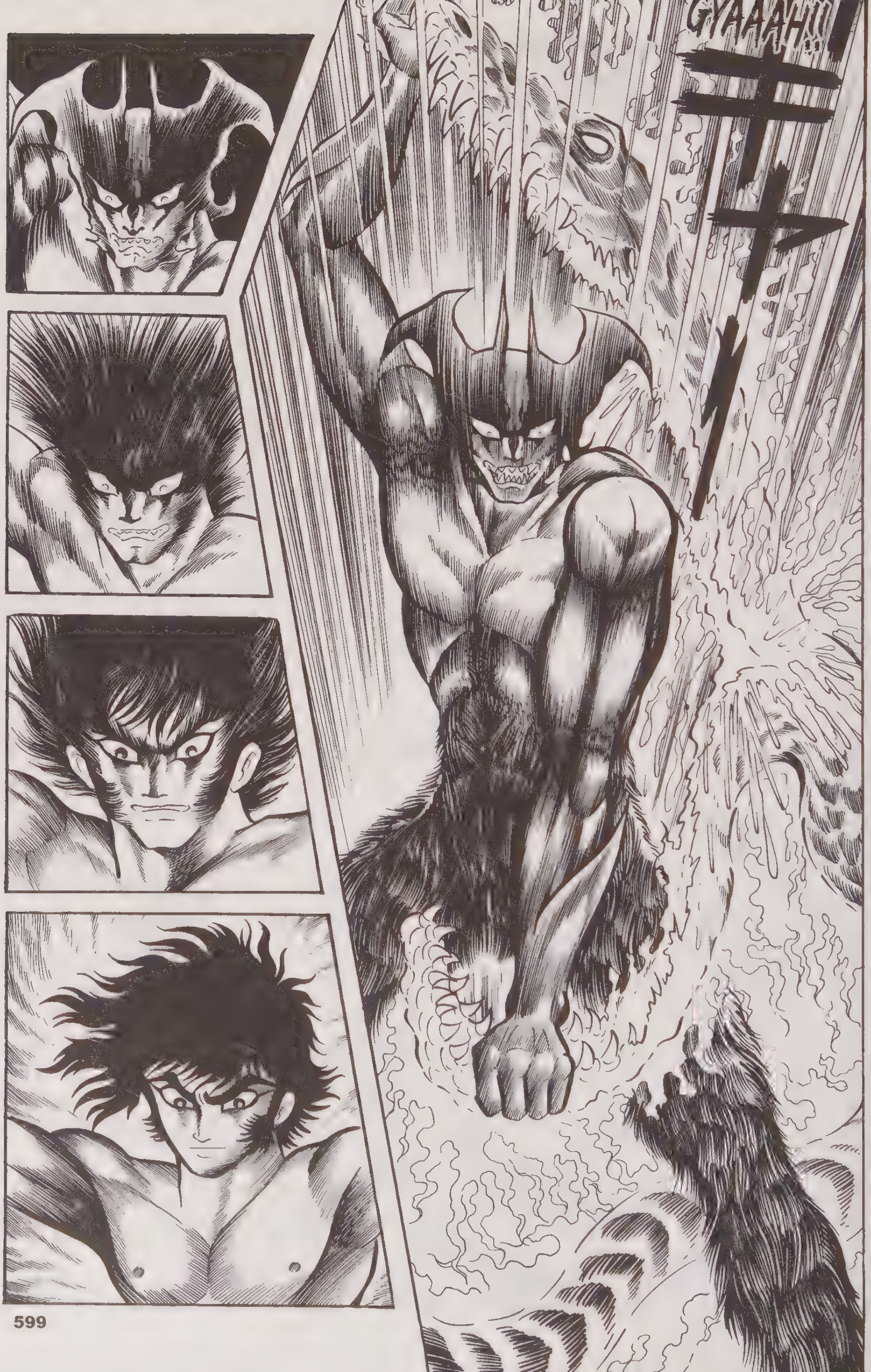
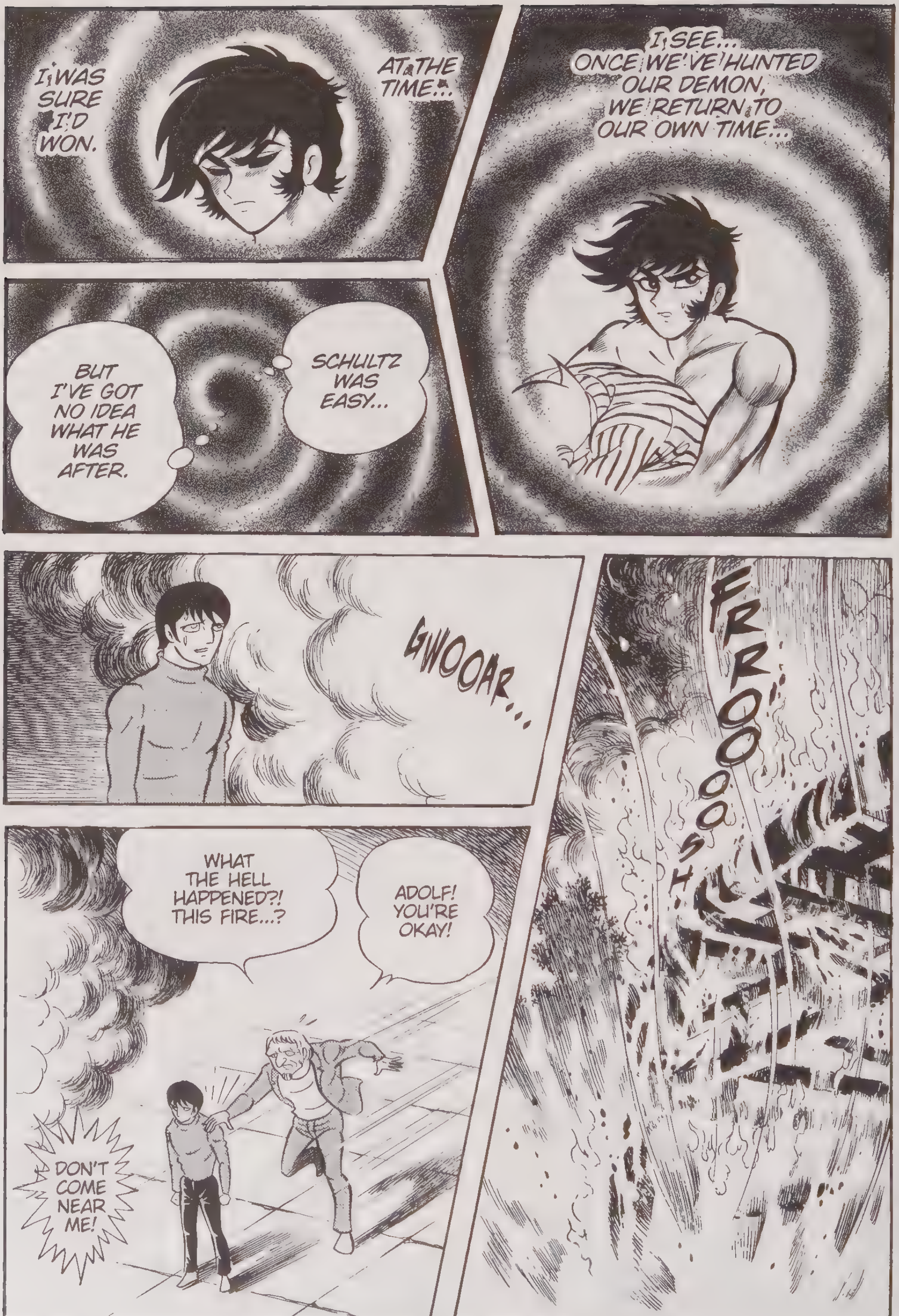
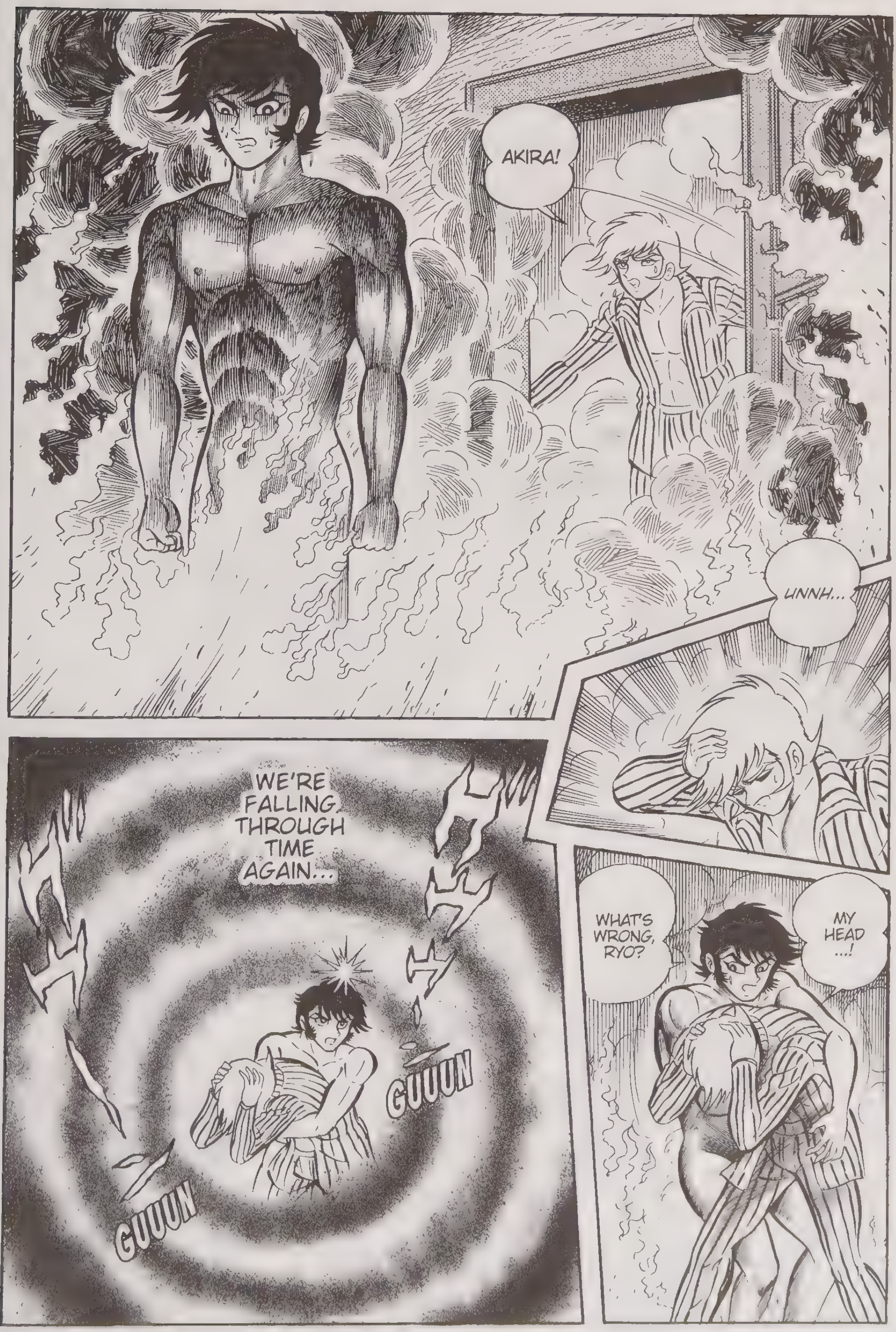
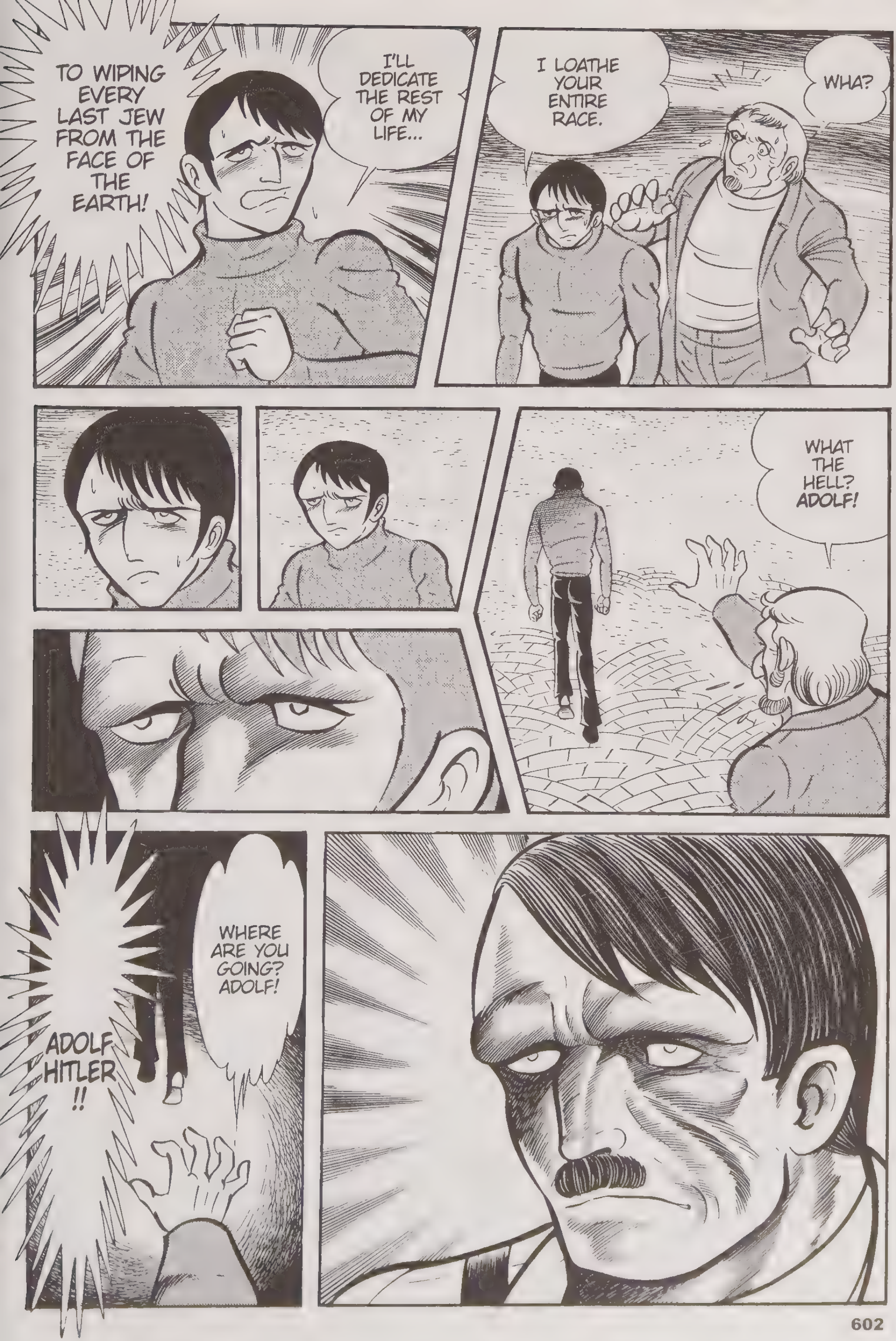
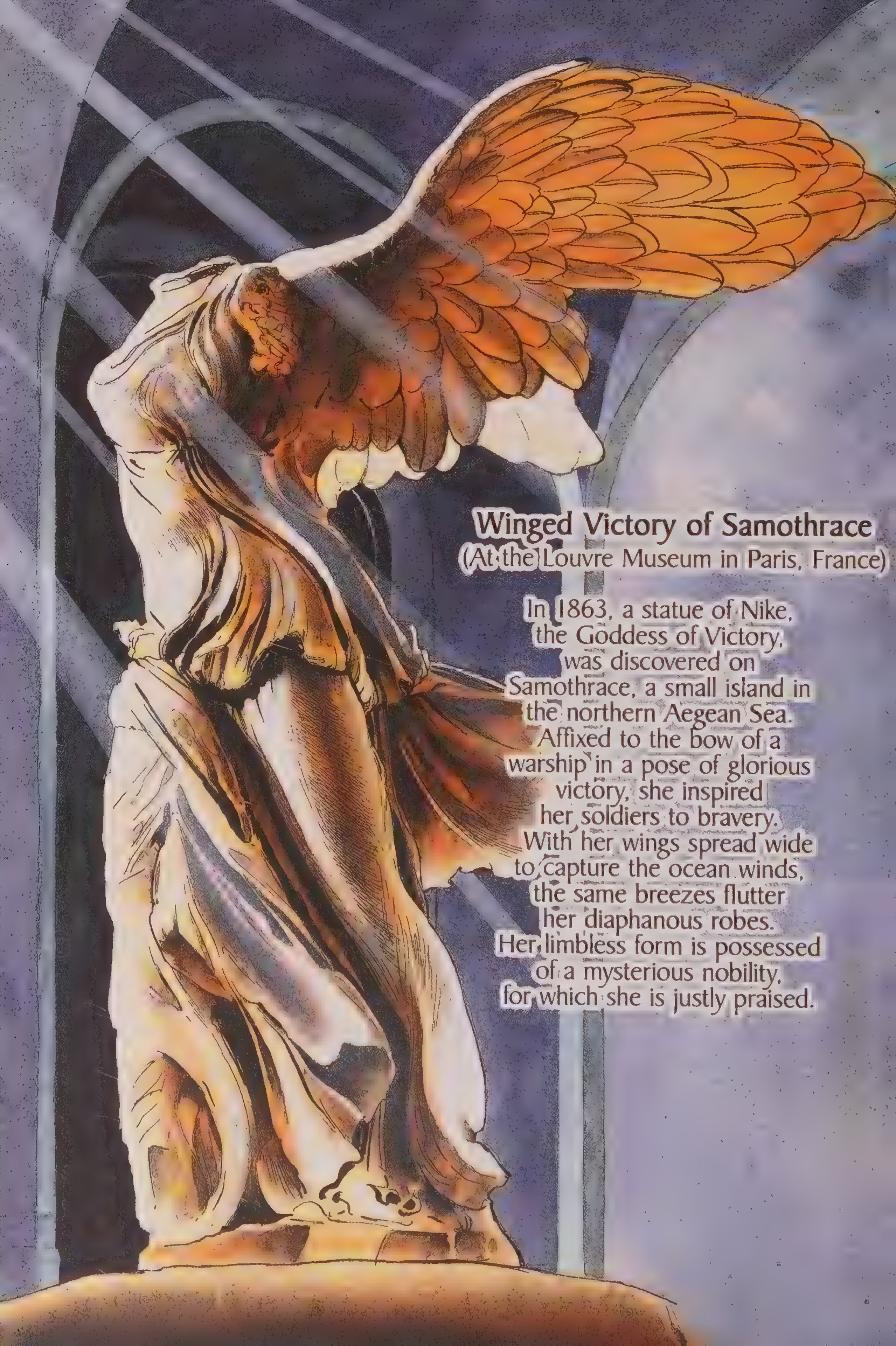

GYAAAH!!
ギャッ


I SEE... ONCE WE'VE HUNTED OUR DEMON, WE RETURN TO OUR OWN TIME...
AT THE TIME...
I WAS SURE I'D WON.
SCHULTZ WAS EASY...
BUT I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT HE WAS AFTER.
FRROOOOOSH
GWOOAR...
ADOLF! YOU'RE OKAY!
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?! THIS FIRE...?
DON'T COME NEAR ME!


AKIRA!
UNNH...
MY HEAD ...!
WHAT'S WRONG, RYO?
WE'RE FALLING THROUGH TIME AGAIN...
GUUUN
GUUUN

DEVILMAN


I'LL DEDICATE THE REST OF MY LIFE...
TO WIPING EVERY LAST JEW FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
I LOATHE YOUR ENTIRE RACE.
WHA?
WHAT THE HELL? ADOLF!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? ADOLF!
ADOLF HITLER !!



Winged Victory of Samothrace

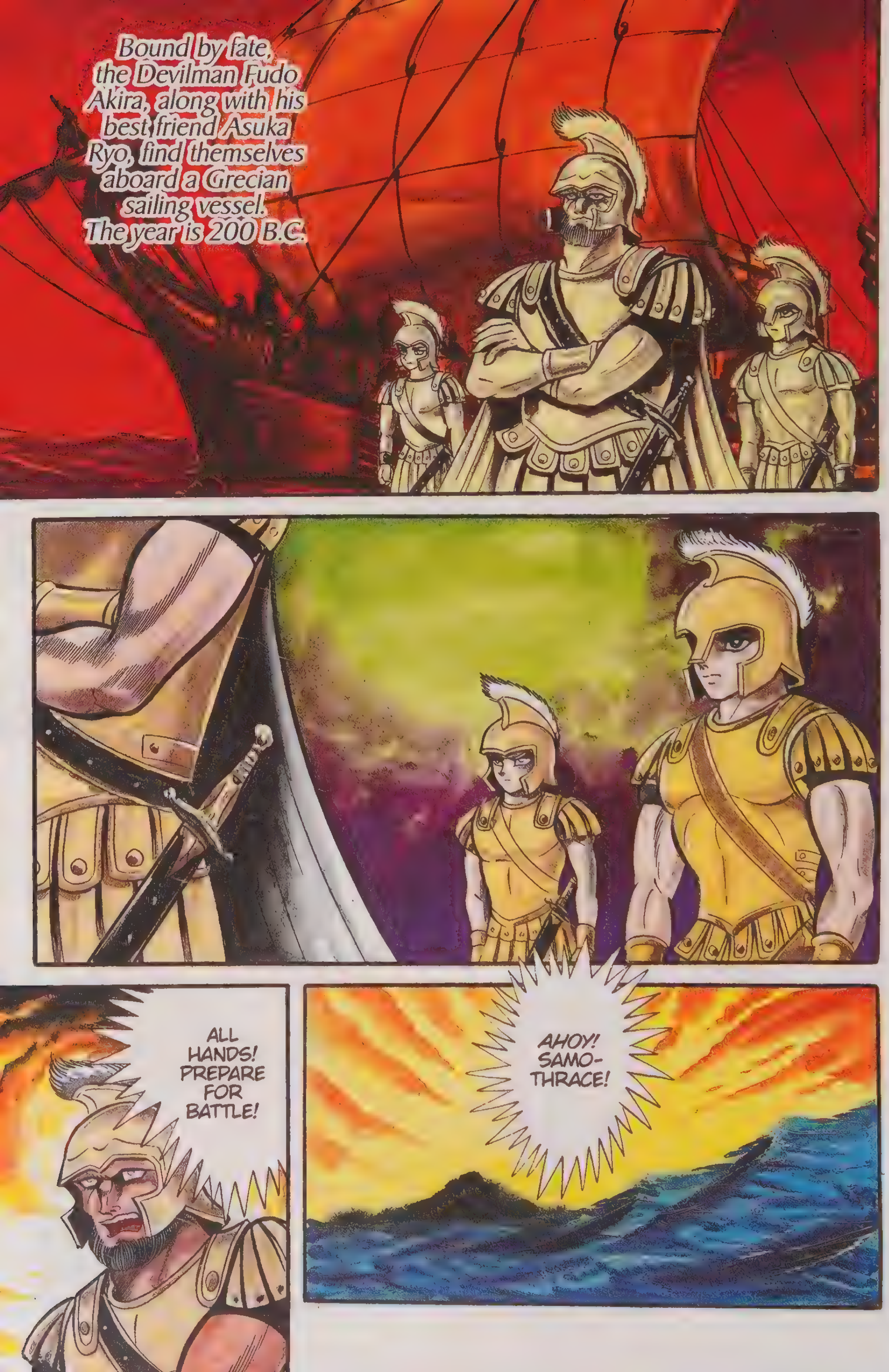
(At the Louvre Museum in Paris, France)

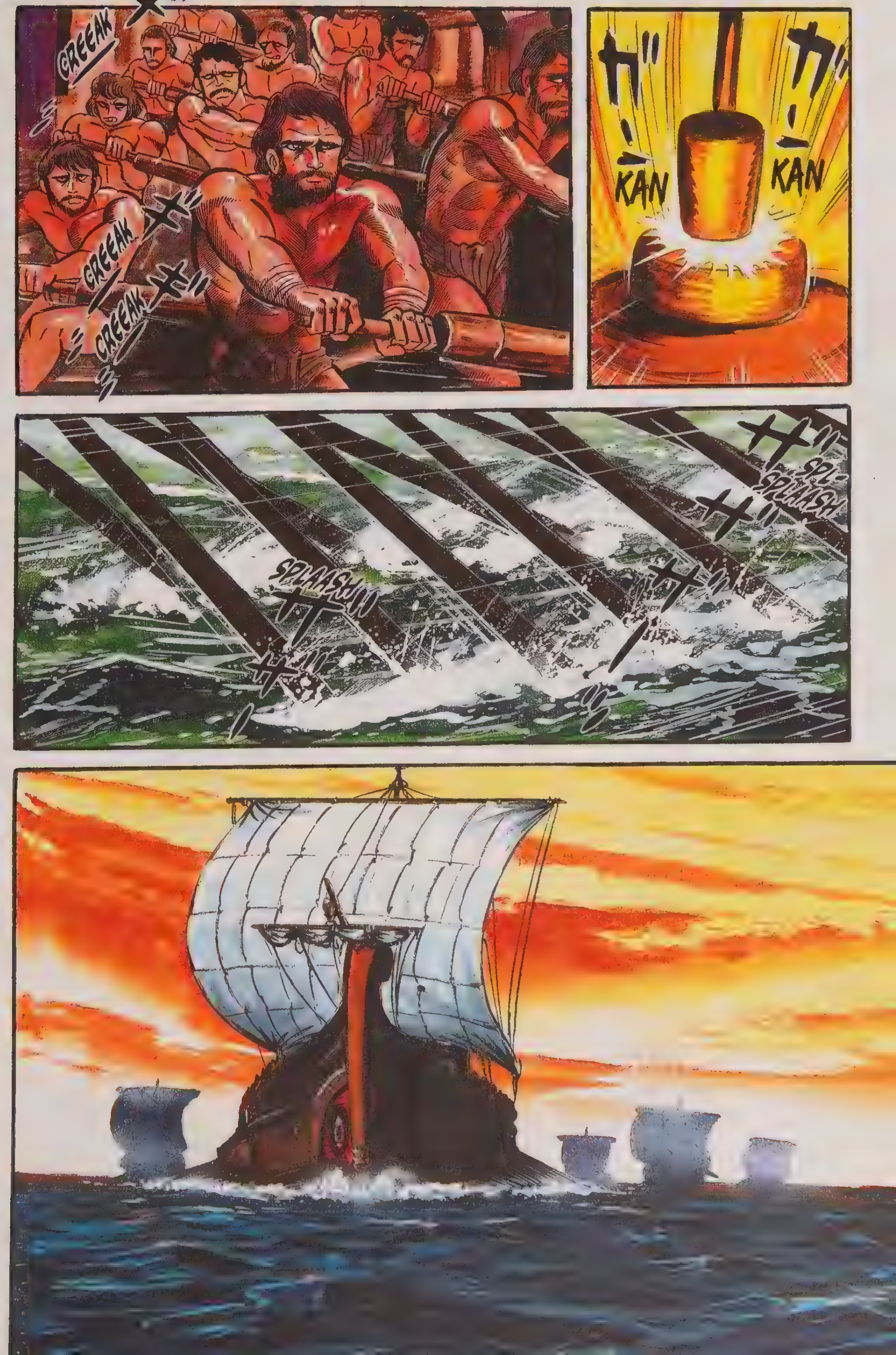
In 1863, a statue of Nike, the Goddess of Victory, was discovered on Samothrace, a small island in the northern Aegean Sea. Affixed to the bow of a warship in a pose of glorious victory, she inspired her soldiers to bravery. With her wings spread wide to capture the ocean winds, the same breezes flutter her diaphanous robes. Her limbless form is possessed of a mysterious nobility, for which she is justly praised.

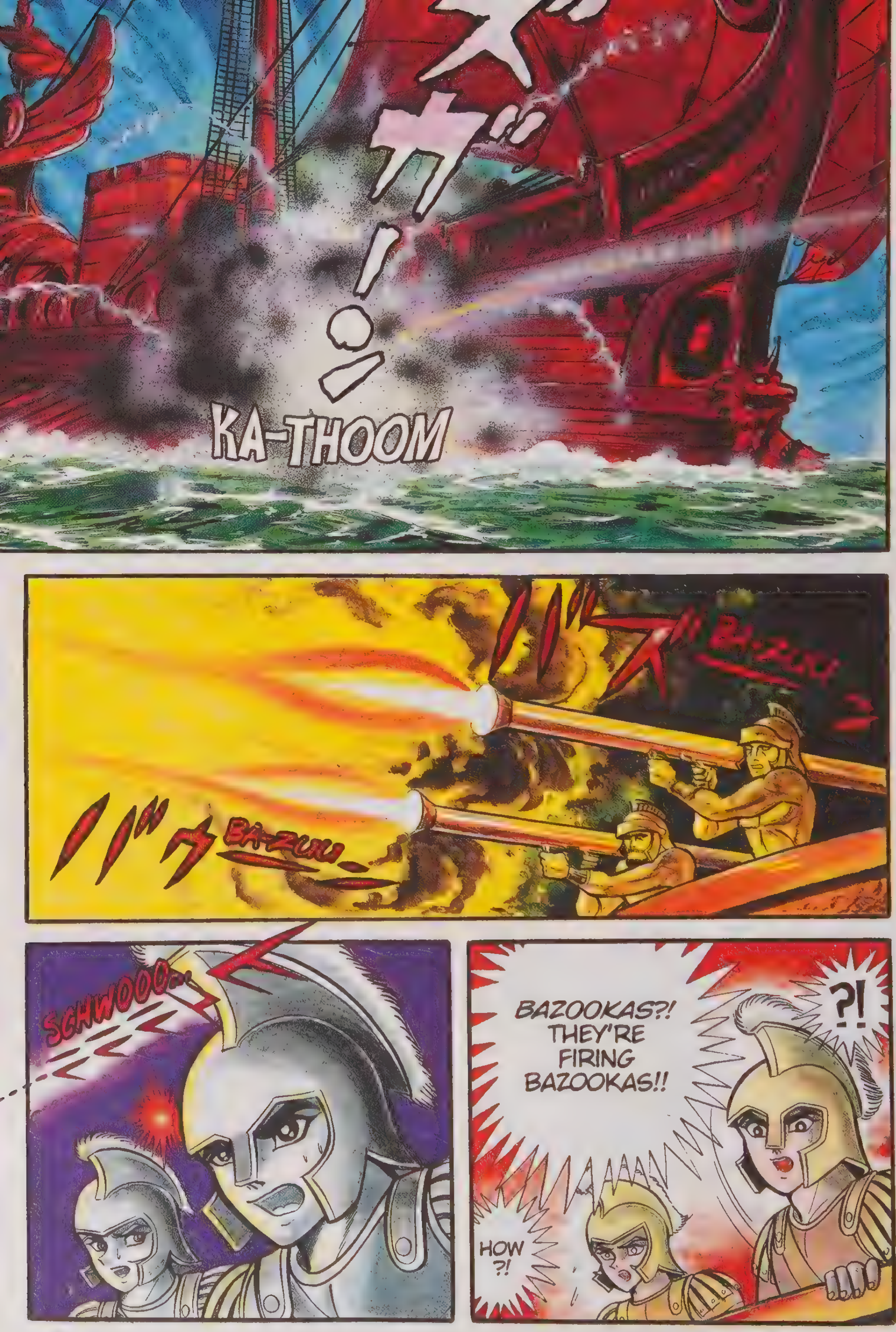
DEVILMAN

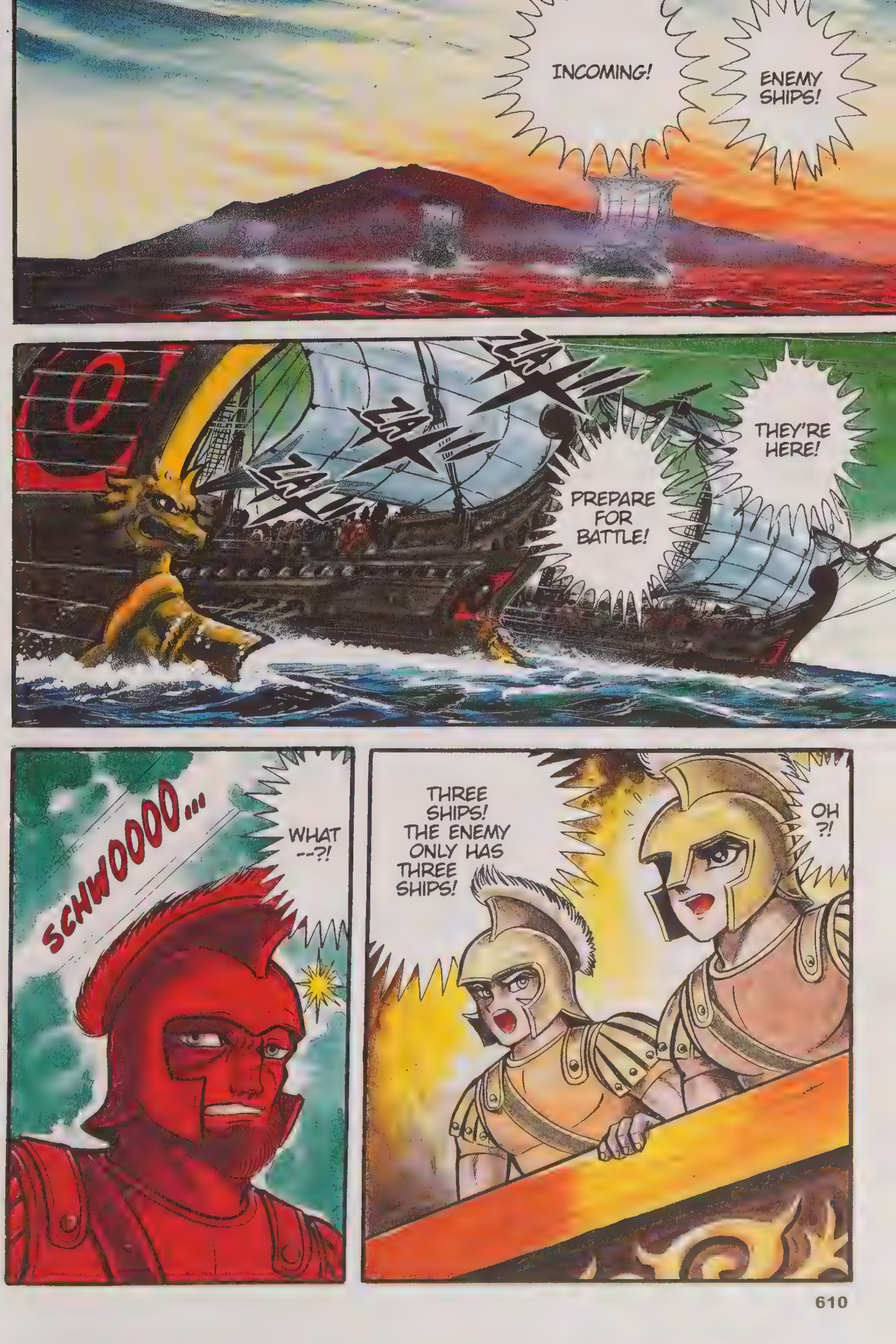
Chapter 8: Nike of Samothrace, the Beautiful Goddess of War

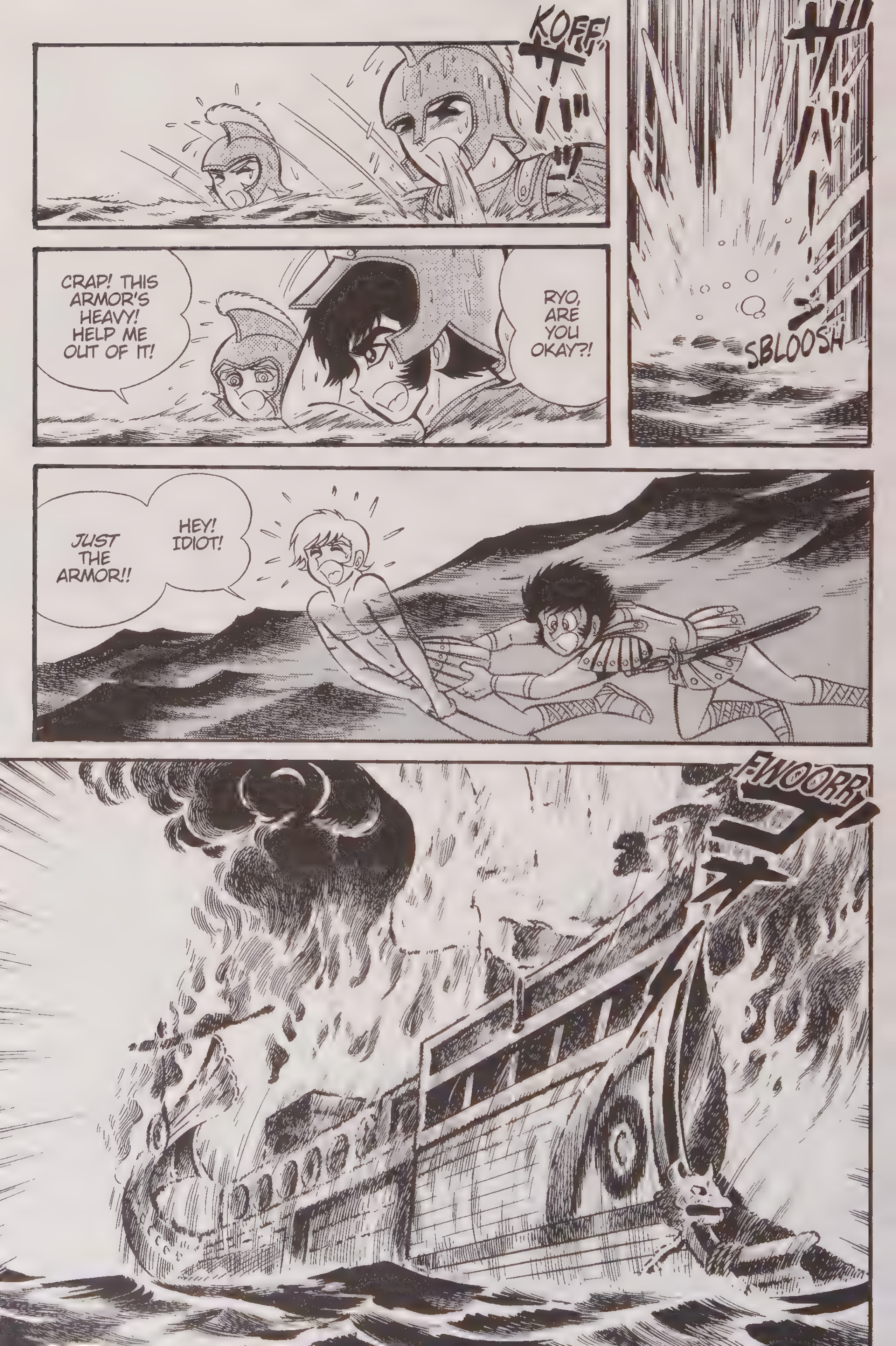
(Assistance/Masaki Tsuji)

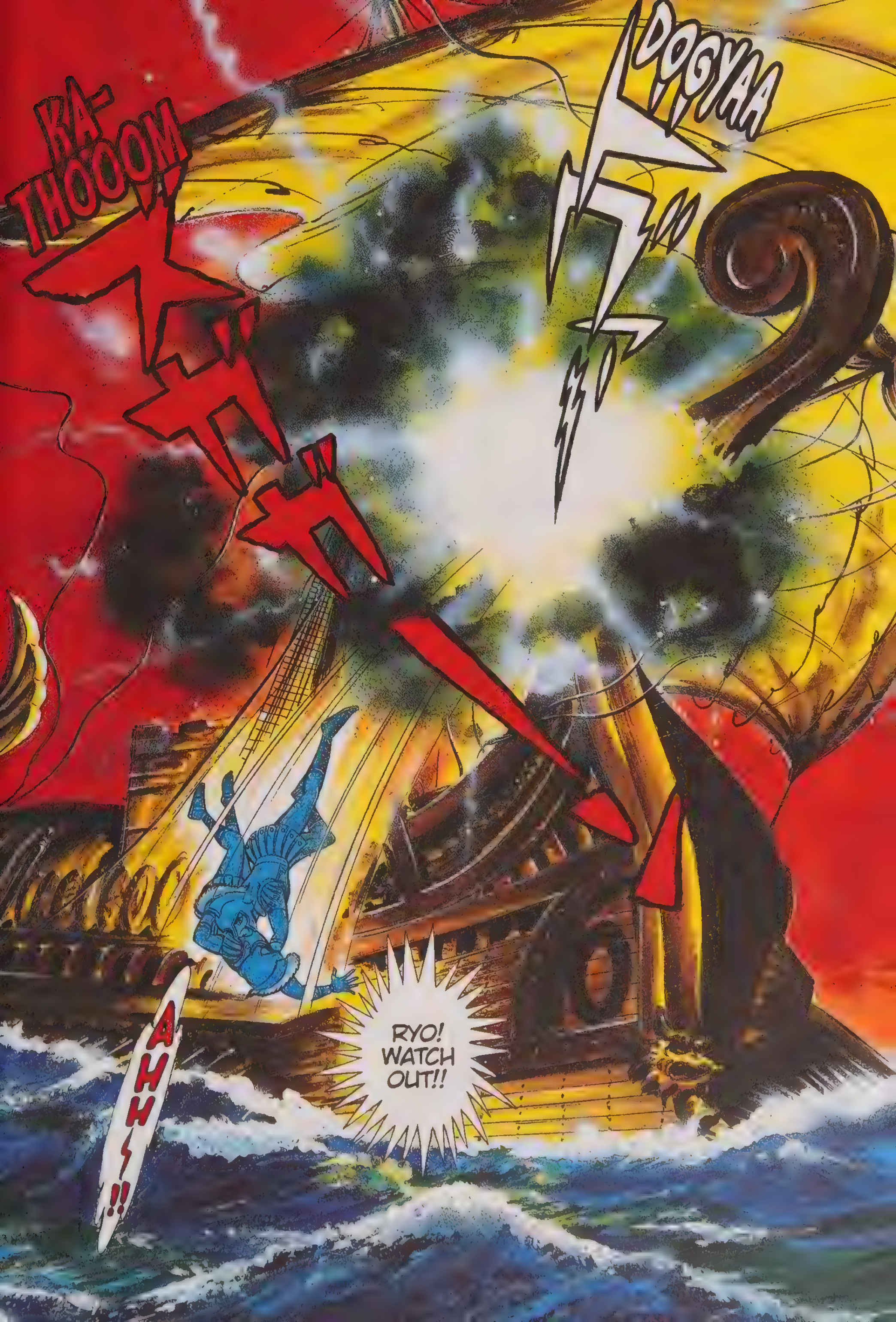

Bound by fate, the Devilman Fudo Akira, along with his best friend Asuka Ryo, find themselves aboard a Grecian sailing vessel. The year is 200 B.C.
AHOY! SAMOTHRACE!
ALL HANDS! PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

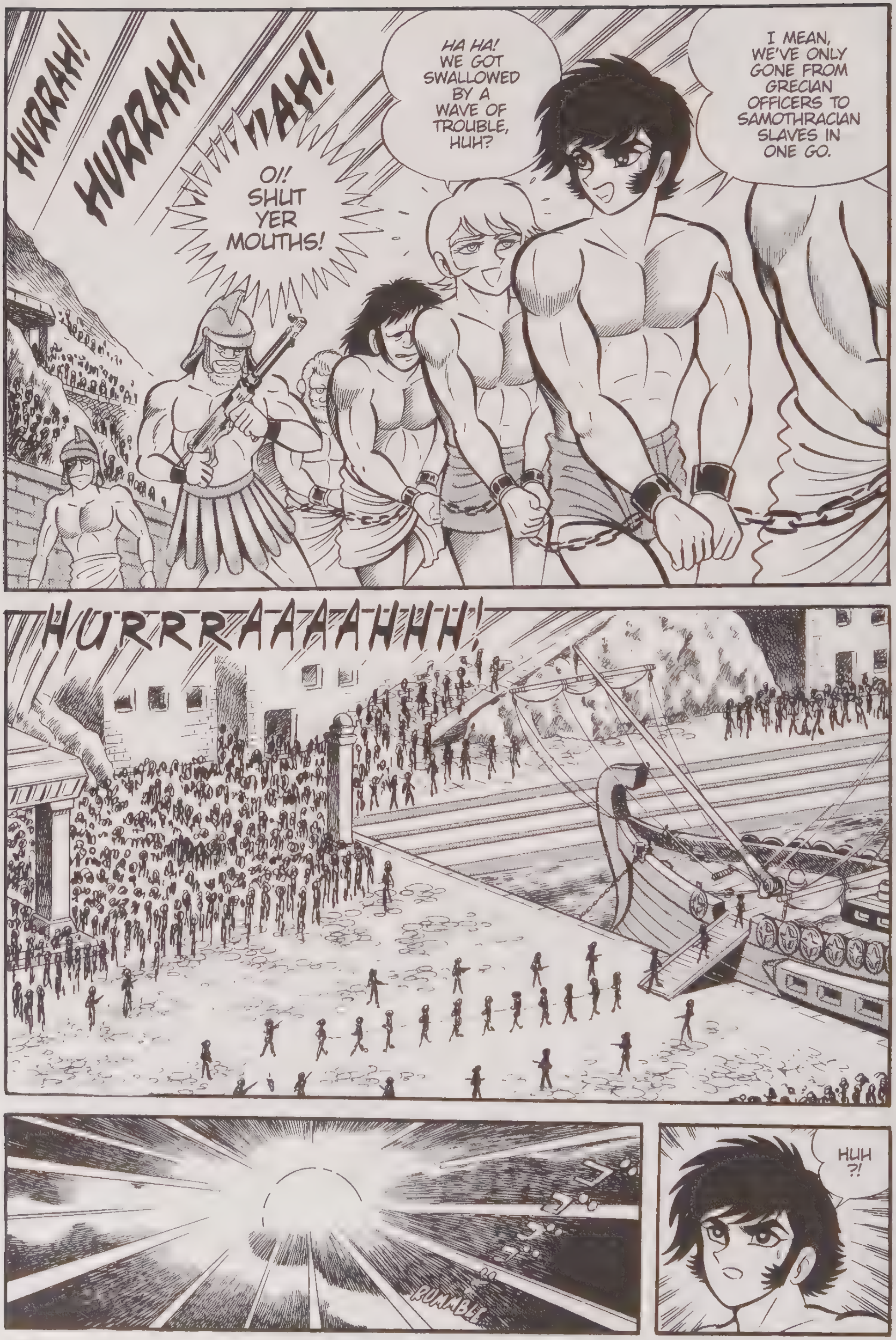

KAN
KAN
CREEAK
CREEAK
CREEAK
SPLASH
SPLAAASH

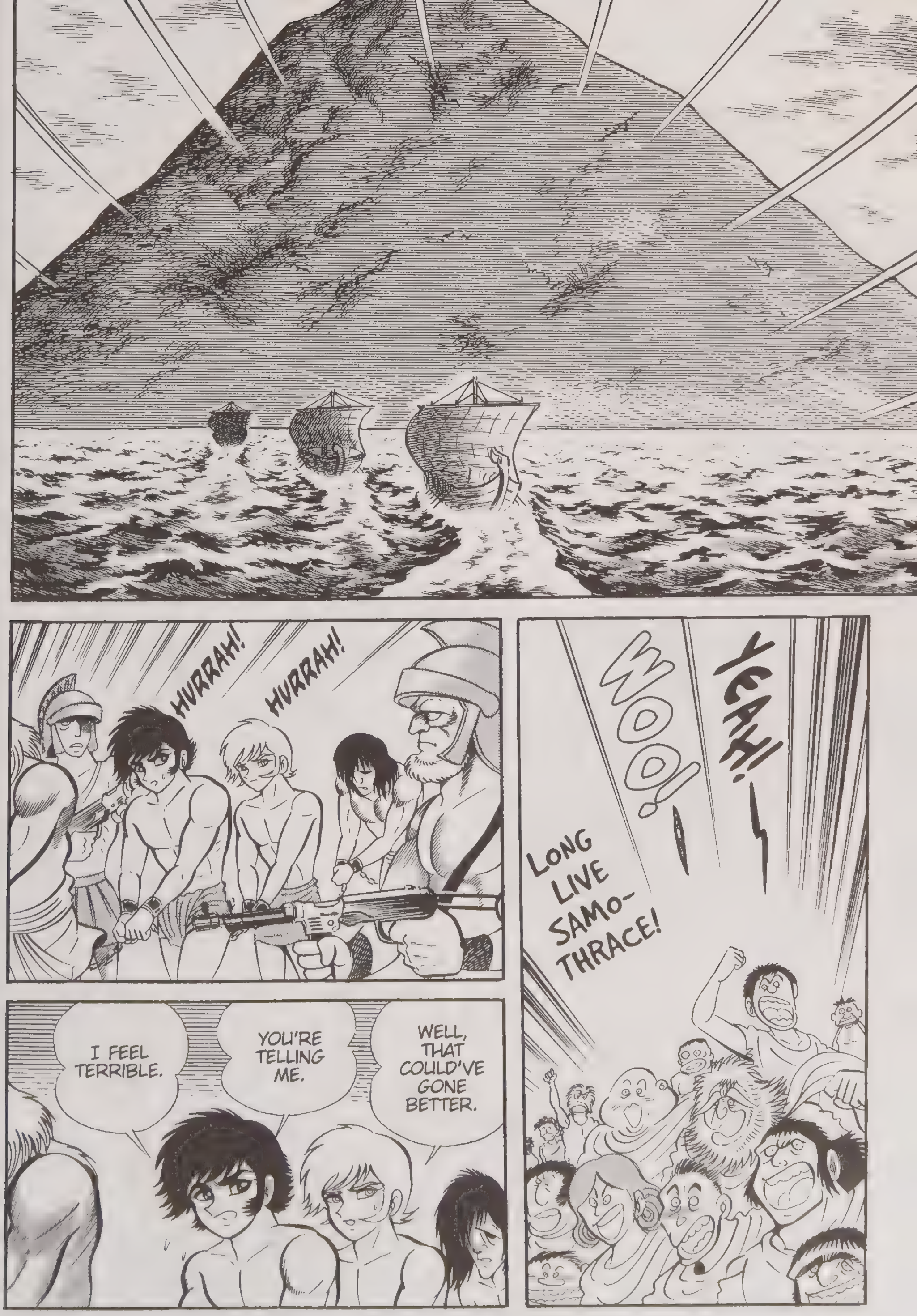

ズガーン
KA-THOOM
バズ
BA-ZUU
バゥ
BA-ZUU
SCHWOOO...
BAZOOKAS?! THEY'RE FIRING BAZOOKAS!!
?!
HOW ?!

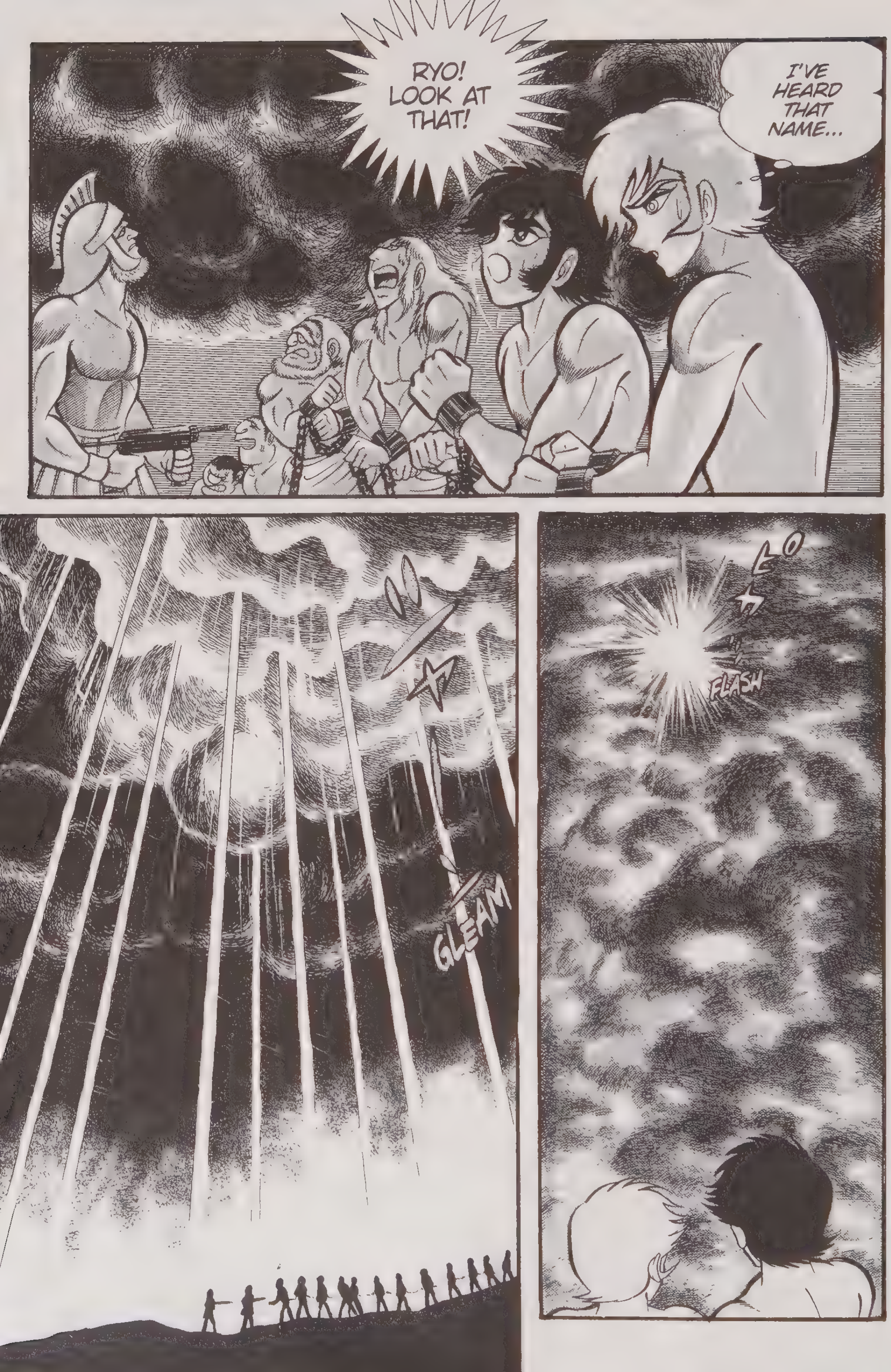

INCOMING!
ENEMY SHIPS!
ZA ZA ZA
THEY'RE HERE!
PREPARE FOR BATTLE!
SCHWOOOO...
WHAT--?!
THREE SHIPS! THE ENEMY ONLY HAS THREE SHIPS!
OH?!

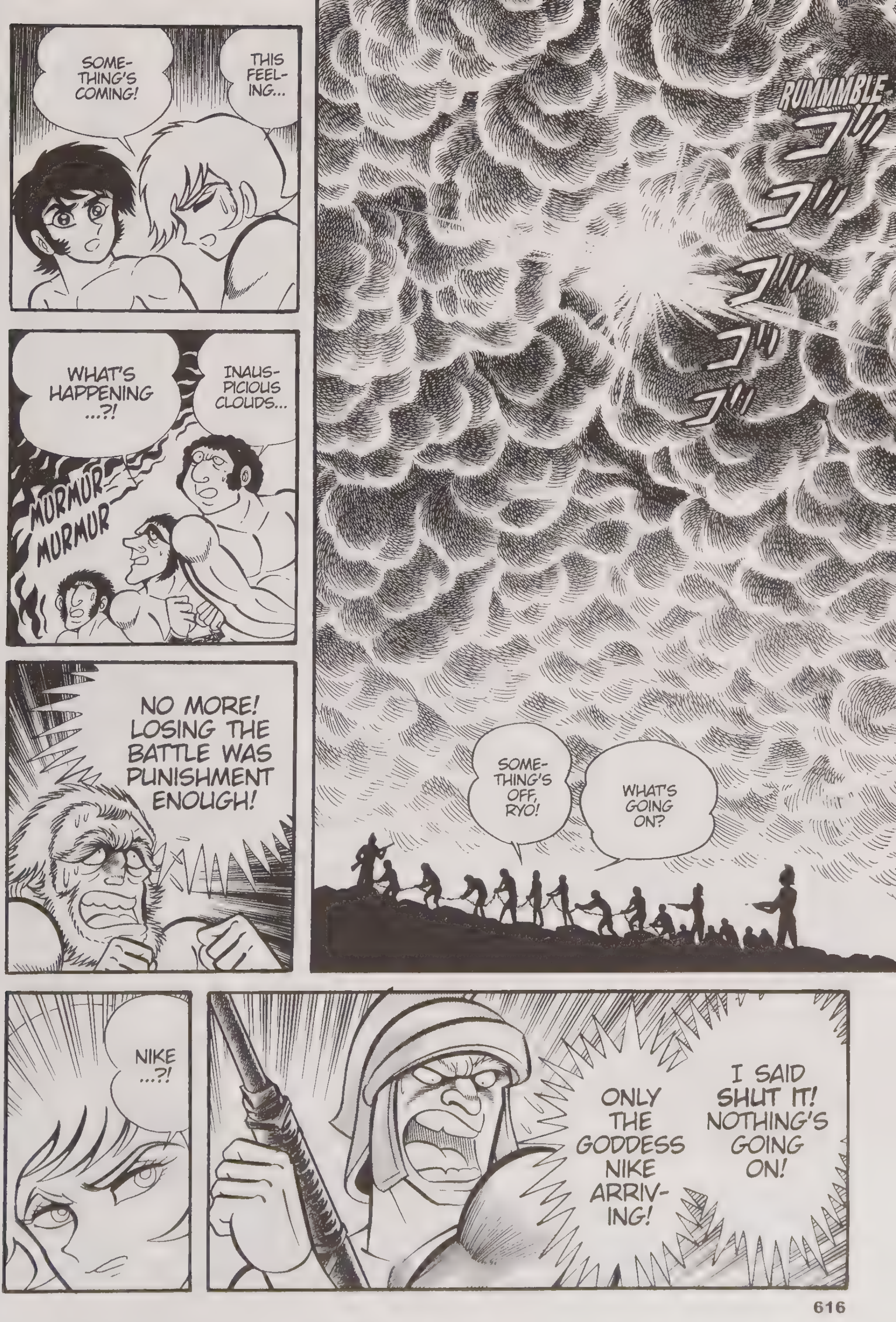

ザバーッ
SBLOOSH
KOFF!
ザバッ
RYO, ARE YOU OKAY?!
CRAP! THIS ARMOR'S HEAVY! HELP ME OUT OF IT!
HEY! IDIOT!
JUST THE ARMOR!!
FWOORR!
ゴォ


DOGYAA
KA-THOOOM
RYO! WATCH OUT!!
AHH!!


HURRAH!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!
OI! SHUT YER MOUTHS!
HA HA! WE GOT SWALLOWED BY A WAVE OF TROUBLE, HUH?
I MEAN, WE'VE ONLY GONE FROM GRECIAN OFFICERS TO SAMOTHRACIAN SLAVES IN ONE GO.
HURRRAAAAHHH!
RUMBLE
HUH ?!


HURRAH!
HURRAH!
WOO!
YEAH!
LONG LIVE SAMOTHRACE!
I FEEL TERRIBLE.
YOU'RE TELLING ME.
WELL, THAT COULD'VE GONE BETTER.


RYO! LOOK AT THAT!
I'VE HEARD THAT NAME...
GLEAM
FLASH


RUMMMBLE
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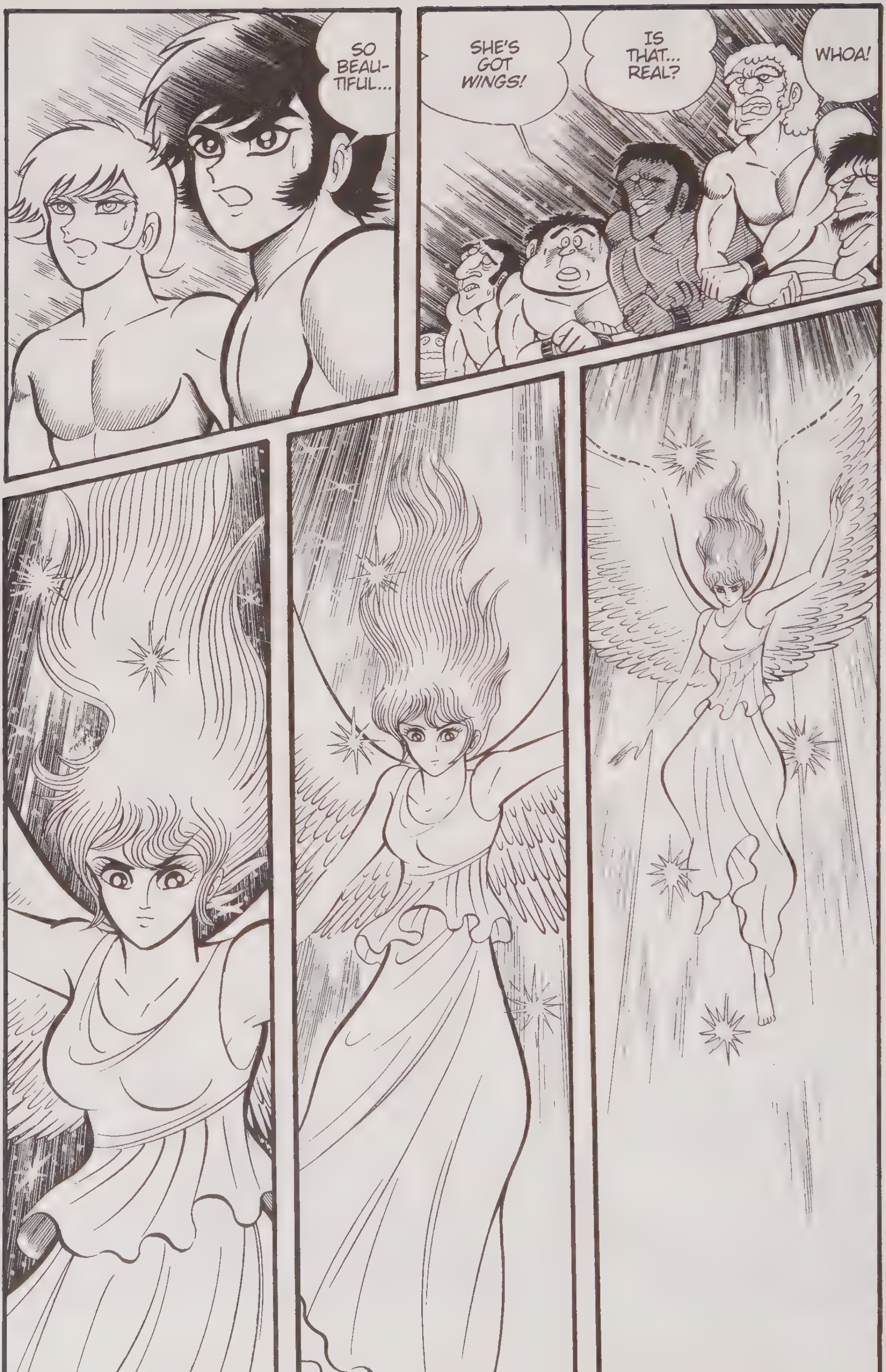
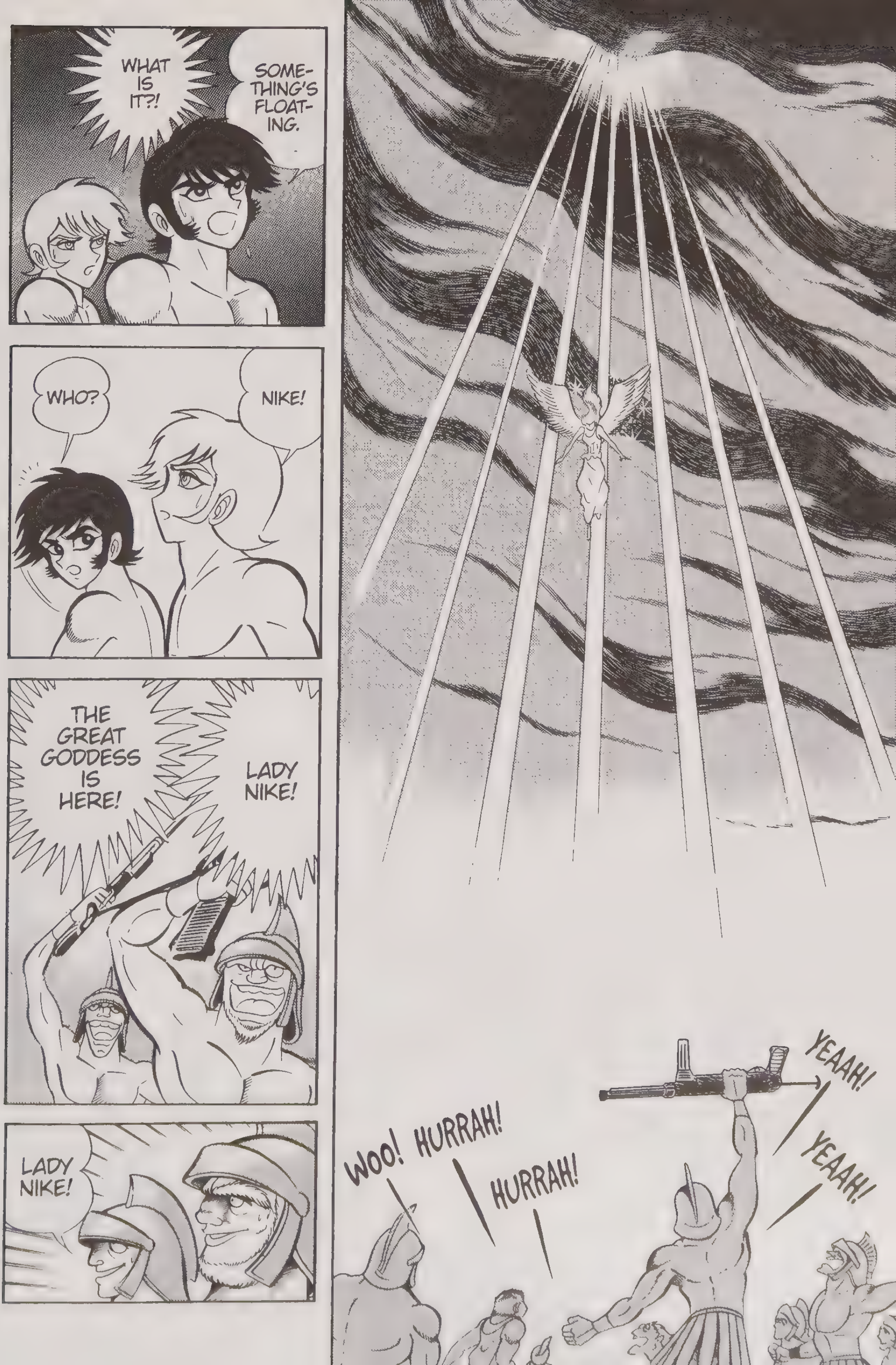
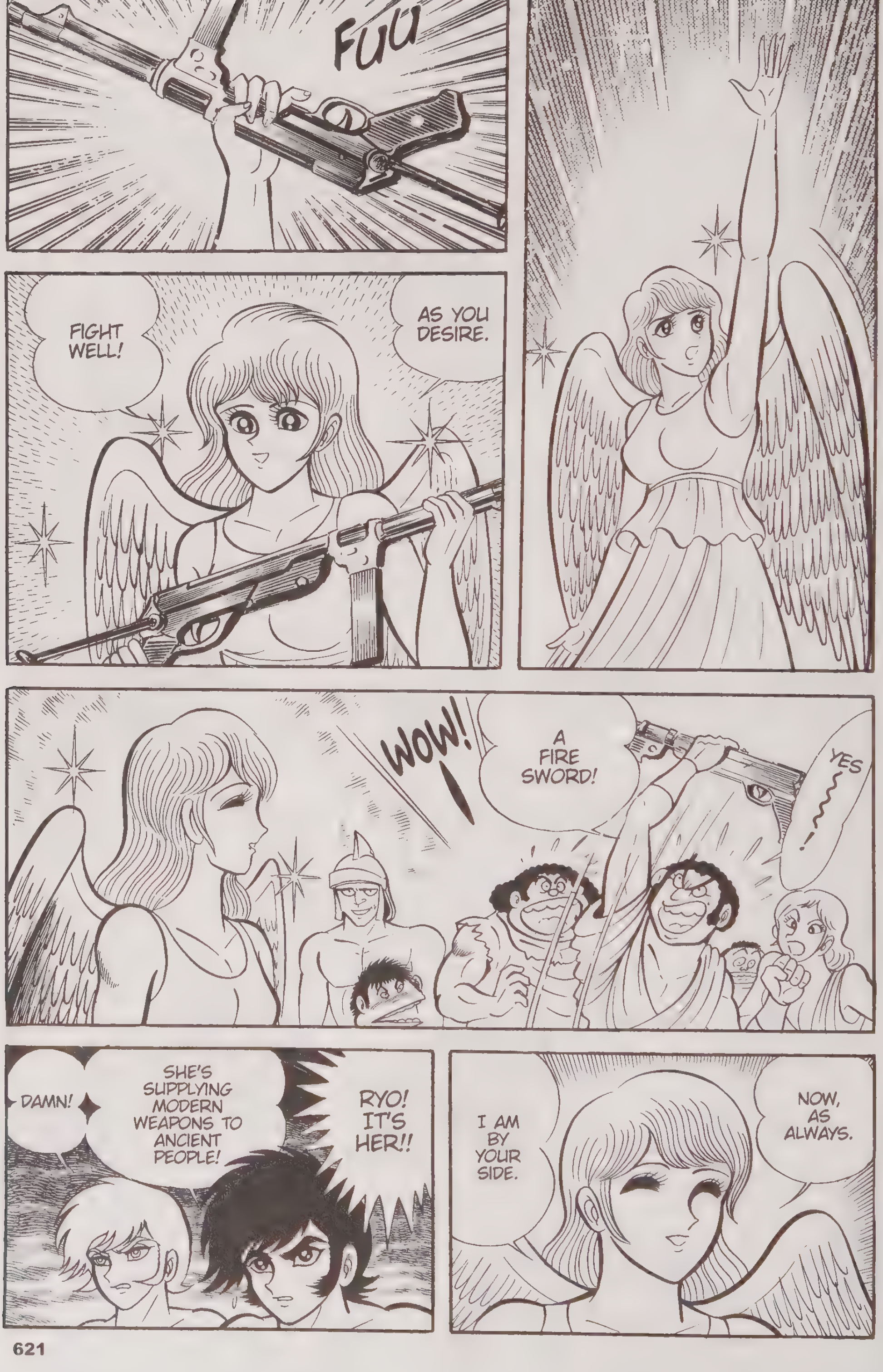
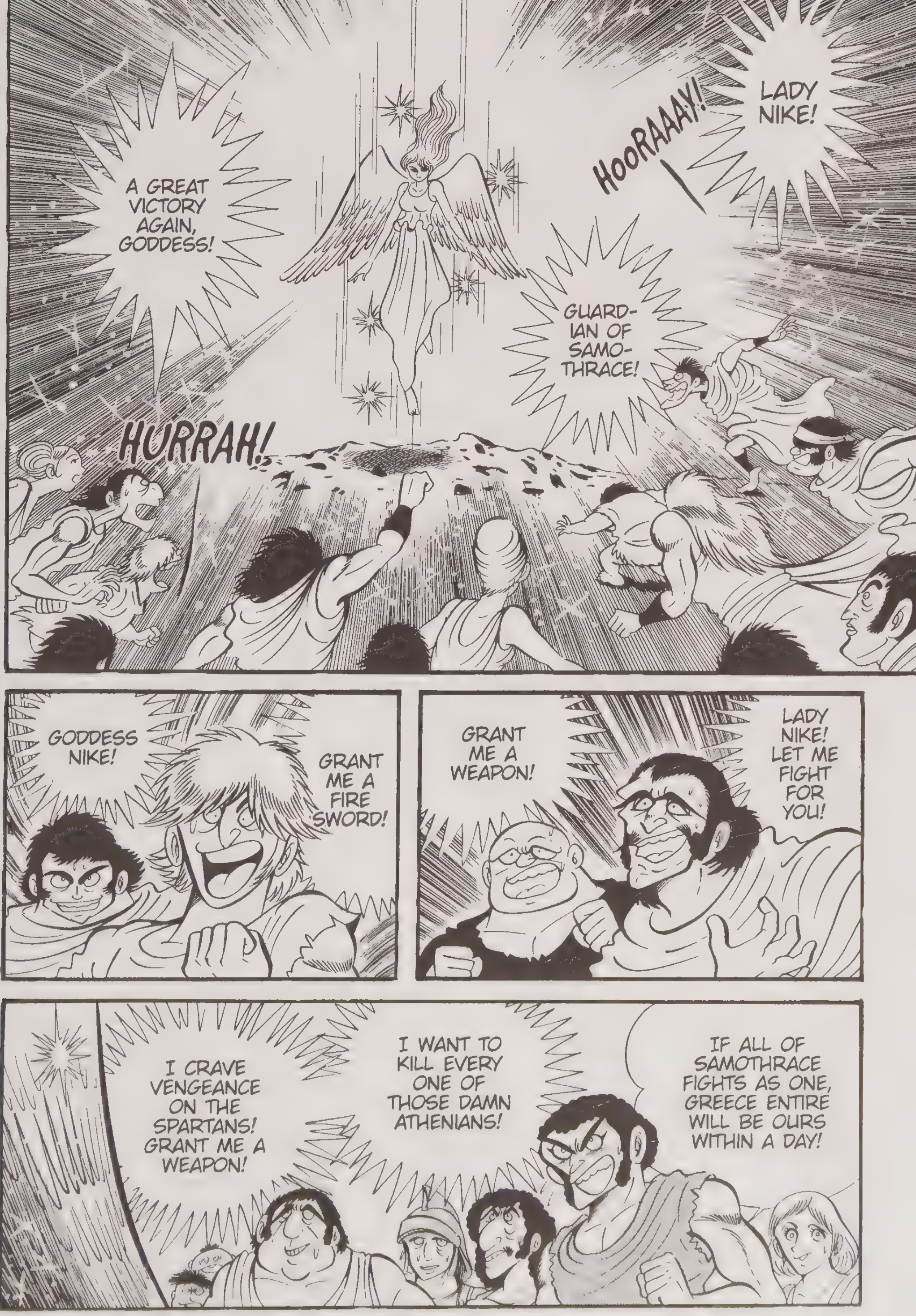
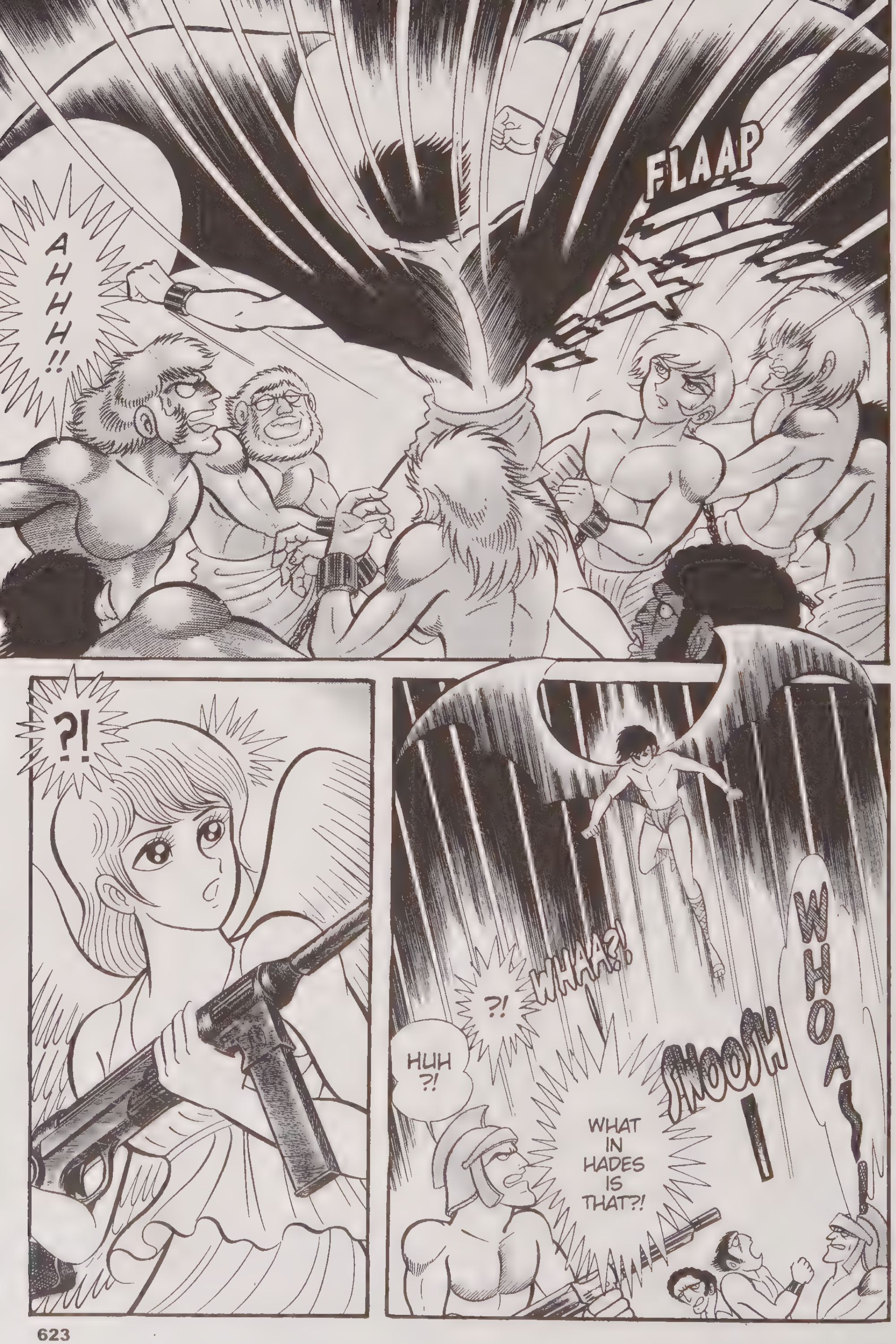
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SOMETHING'S OFF, RYO!
THIS FEELING...
SOMETHING'S COMING!
INAUSPICIOUS CLOUDS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING...?!
MURMUR MURMUR
NO MORE! LOSING THE BATTLE WAS PUNISHMENT ENOUGH!
I SAID SHUT IT! NOTHING'S GOING ON!
ONLY THE GODDESS NIKE ARRIVING!
NIKE...?!

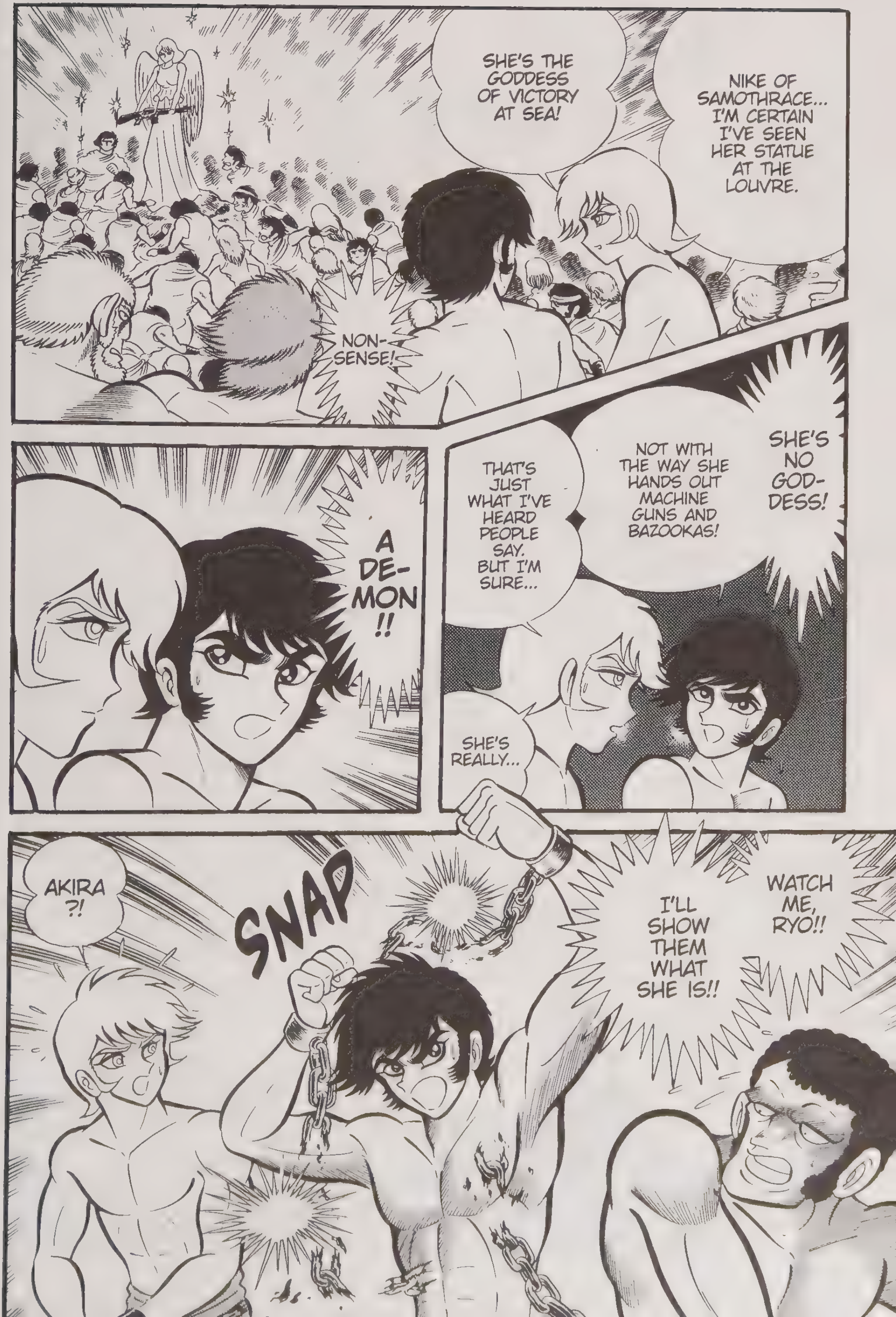

WHOA!
IS THAT... REAL?
SHE'S GOT WINGS!
SO BEAUTIFUL...

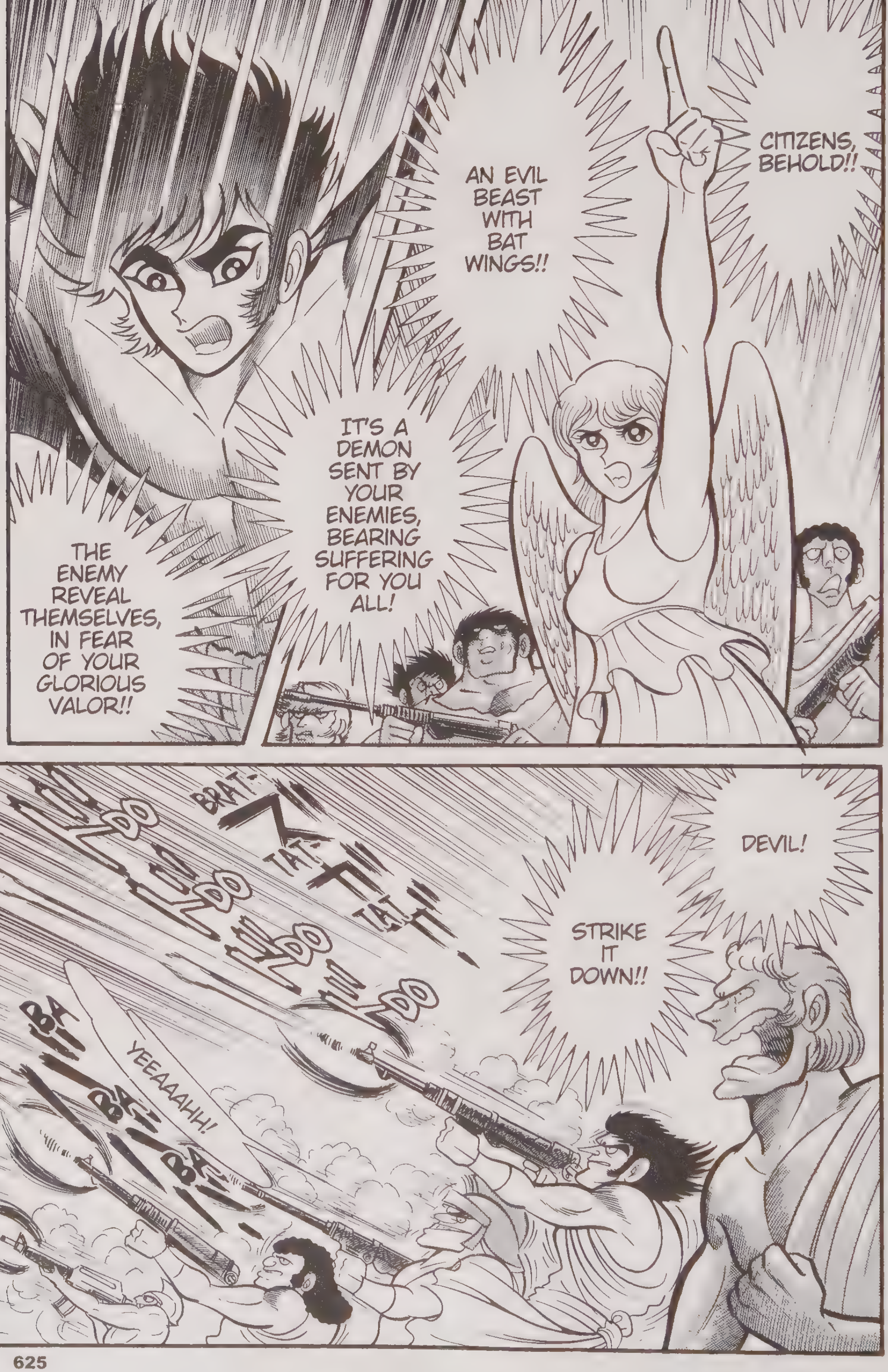

WHAT IS IT?!
SOMETHING'S FLOATING.
WHO?
NIKE!
THE GREAT GODDESS IS HERE!
LADY NIKE!
LADY NIKE!
WOO!
HURRAH!
HURRAH!
YEAAH!
YEAAH!

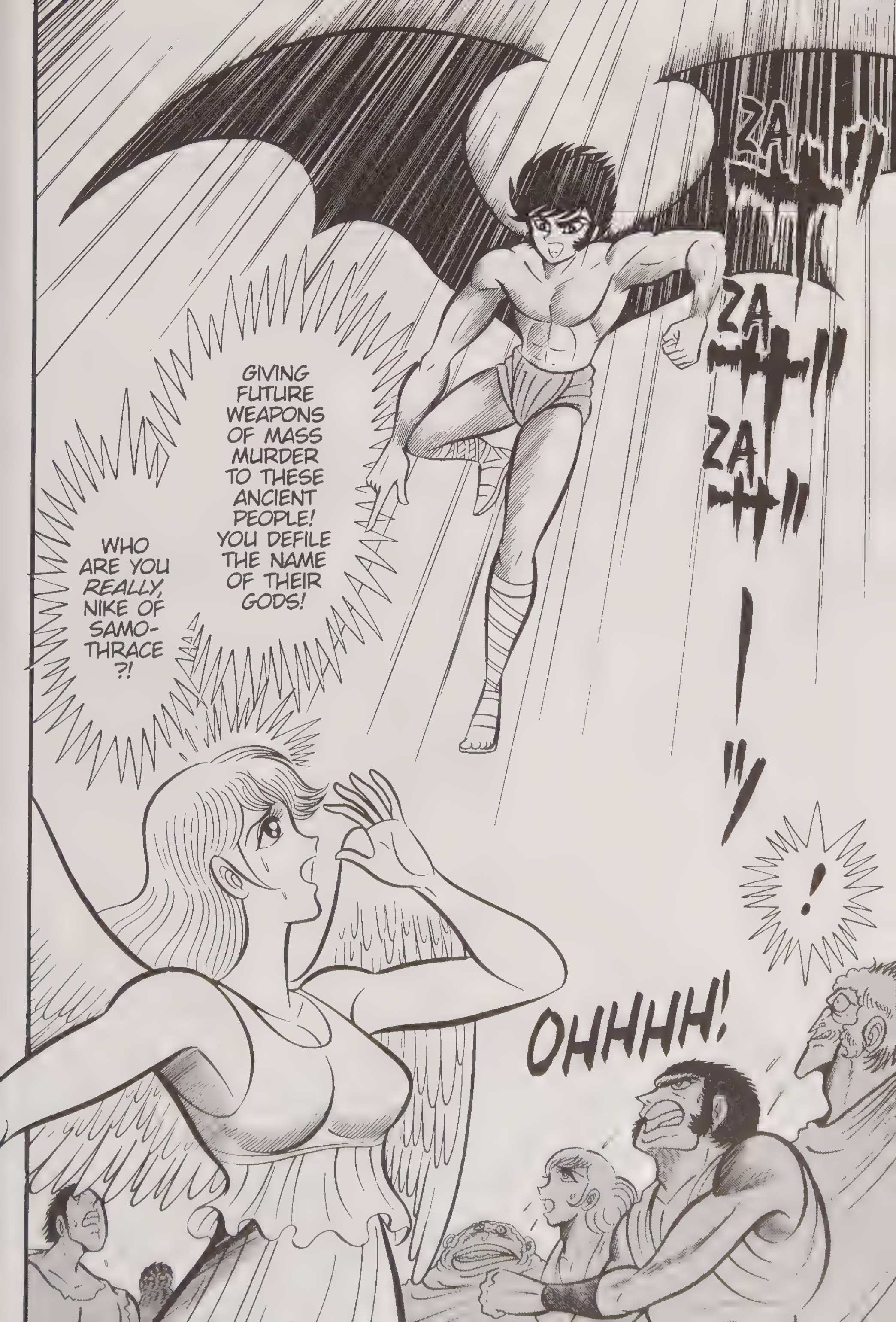

FUU
FIGHT WELL!
AS YOU DESIRE.
WOW!
A FIRE SWORD!
YES~~!
DAMN!
SHE'S SUPPLYING MODERN WEAPONS TO ANCIENT PEOPLE!
RYO! IT'S HER!!
I AM BY YOUR SIDE.
NOW, AS ALWAYS.

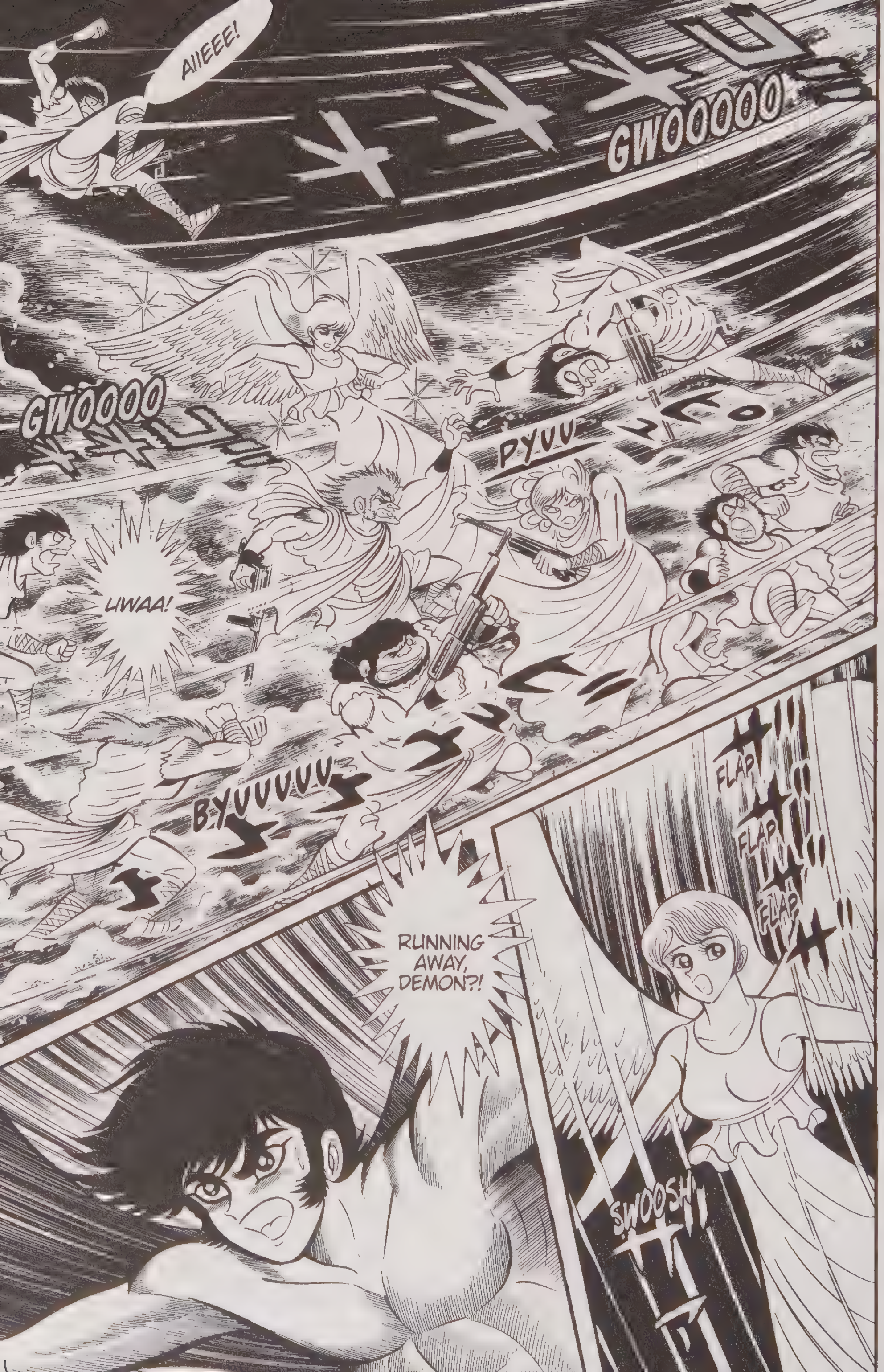

LADY NIKE!
HOORAAAY!
GUARDIAN OF SAMOTHRACE!
A GREAT VICTORY AGAIN, GODDESS!
HURRAH!
LADY NIKE! LET ME FIGHT FOR YOU!
GRANT ME A WEAPON!
GRANT ME A FIRE SWORD!
GODDESS NIKE!
IF ALL OF SAMOTHRACE FIGHTS AS ONE, GREECE ENTIRE WILL BE OURS WITHIN A DAY!
I WANT TO KILL EVERY ONE OF THOSE DAMN ATHENIANS!
I CRAVE VENGEANCE ON THE SPARTANS! GRANT ME A WEAPON!

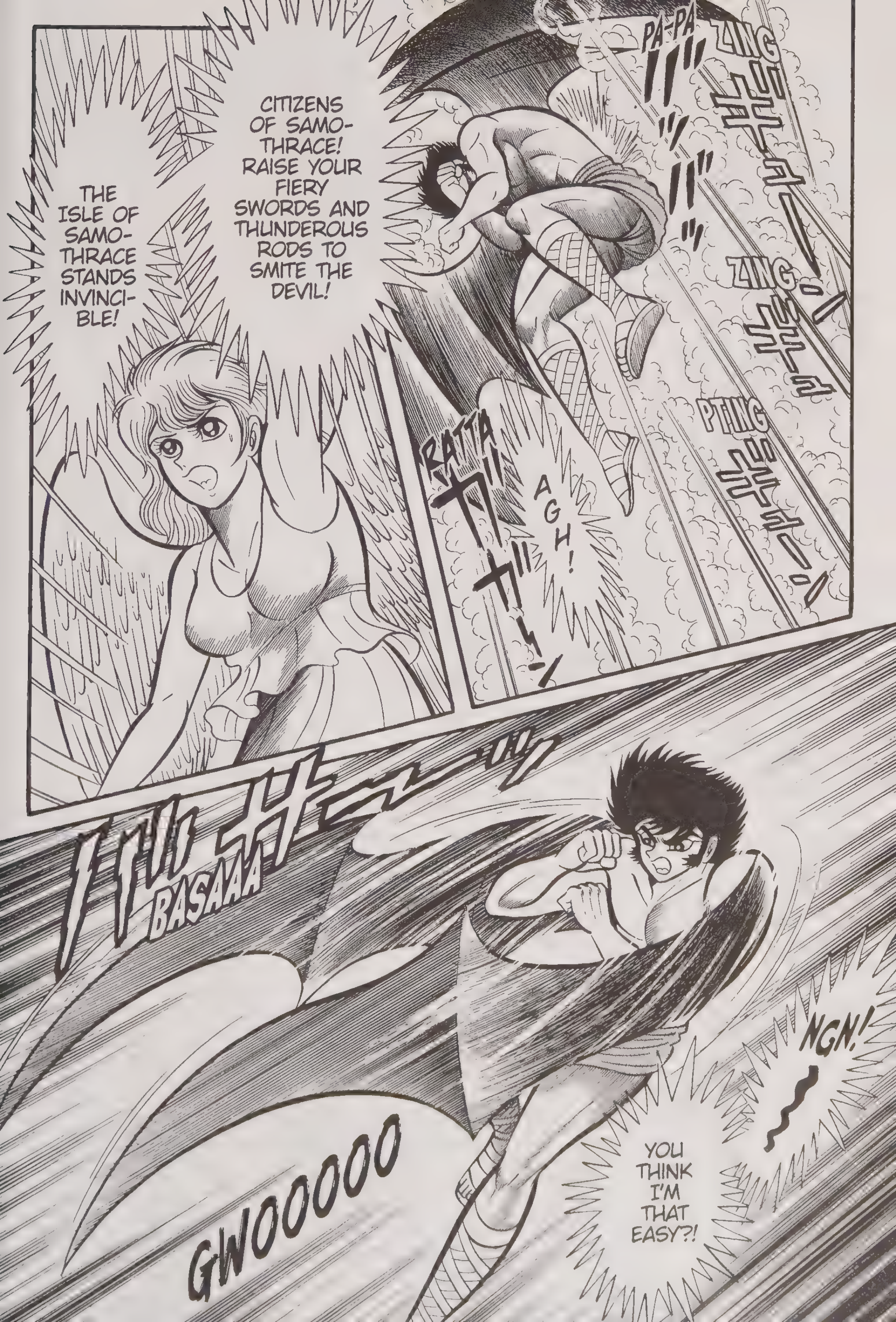

FLAAP
AHHHH!!
WHOA!!
SWOOSH
WHAA?!
?!
HUH ?!
WHAT IN HADES IS THAT?!
?!

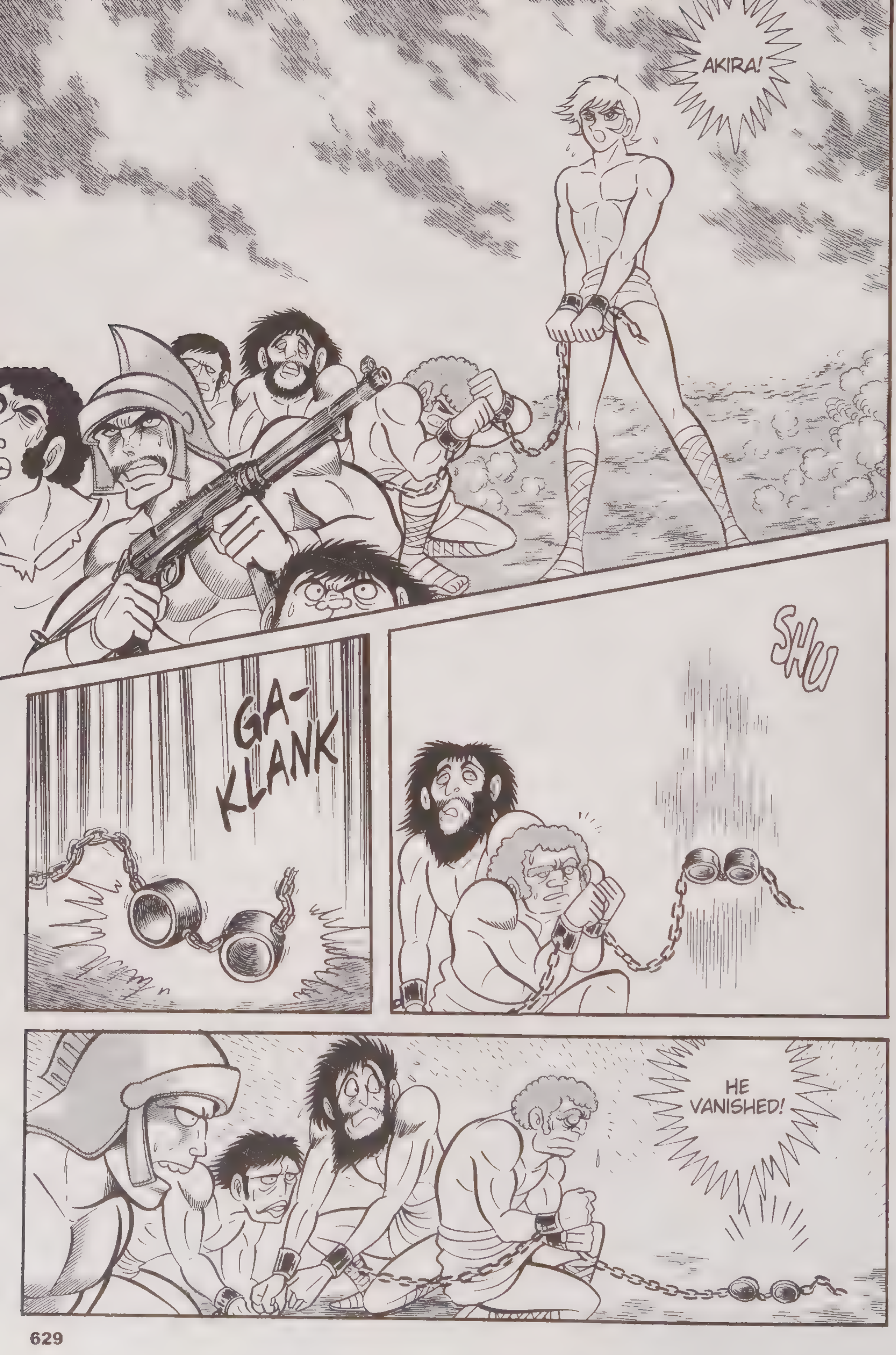

NIKE OF SAMOTHRACE... I'M CERTAIN I'VE SEEN HER STATUE AT THE LOUVRE.
SHE'S THE GODDESS OF VICTORY AT SEA!
NONSENSE!
SHE'S NO GODDESS!
NOT WITH THE WAY SHE HANDS OUT MACHINE GUNS AND BAZOOKAS!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE HEARD PEOPLE SAY. BUT I'M SURE...
SHE'S REALLY...
A DEMON!!
WATCH ME, RYO!!
I'LL SHOW THEM WHAT SHE IS!!
SNAP
AKIRA?!

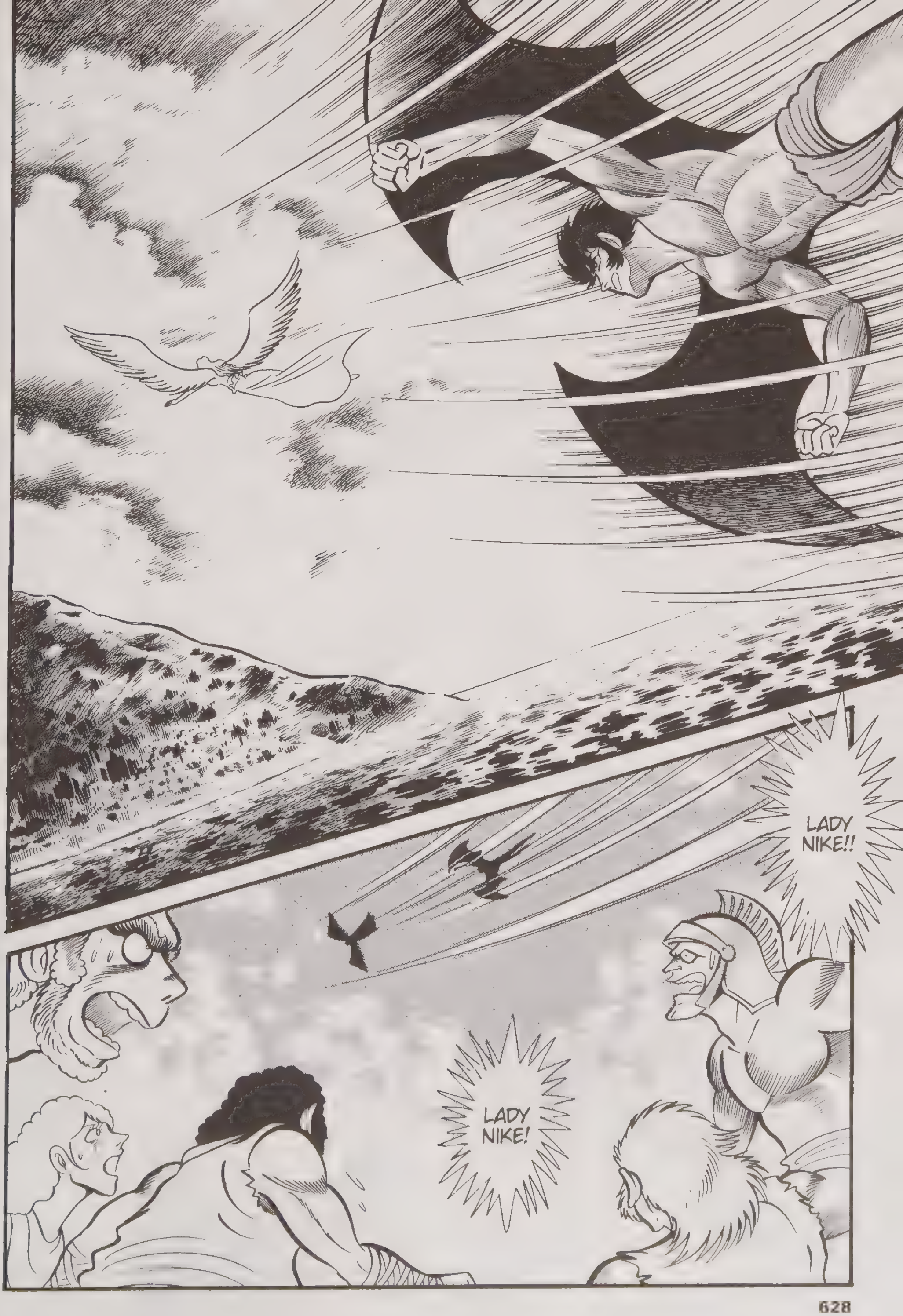

CITIZENS, BEHOLD!!
AN EVIL BEAST WITH BAT WINGS!!
IT'S A DEMON SENT BY YOUR ENEMIES, BEARING SUFFERING FOR YOU ALL!
THE ENEMY REVEAL THEMSELVES, IN FEAR OF YOUR GLORIOUS VALOR!!
DEVIL!
STRIKE IT DOWN!!
BRAT-
TAT-
TAT-
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
YEEAAAAHH!
BA
BA
BA

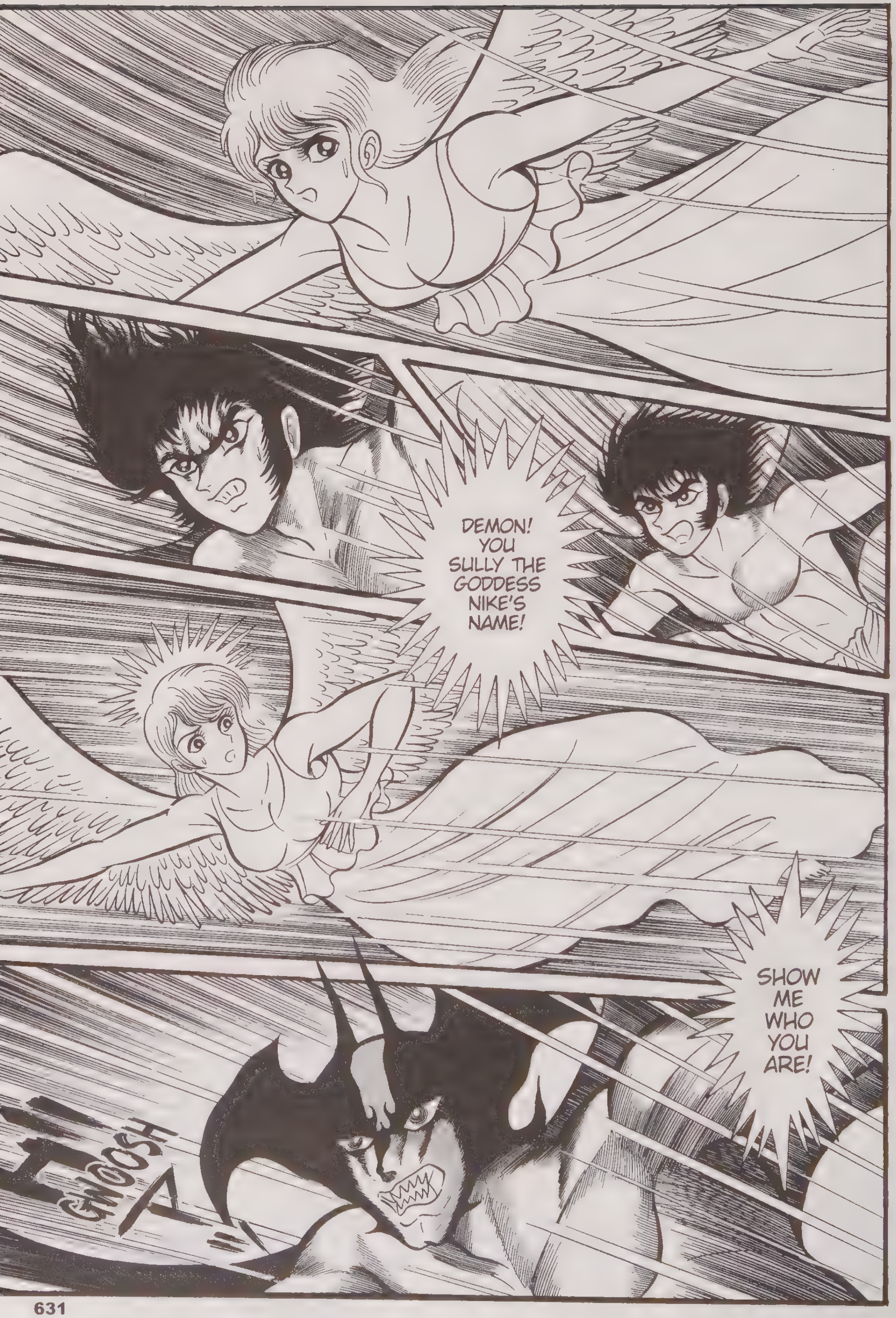

ZA
ZA
ZA
GIVING FUTURE WEAPONS OF MASS MURDER TO THESE ANCIENT PEOPLE! YOU DEFILE THE NAME OF THEIR GODS!
WHO ARE YOU *REALLY*, NIKE OF SAMOTHRACE?!
!
OHHHH!

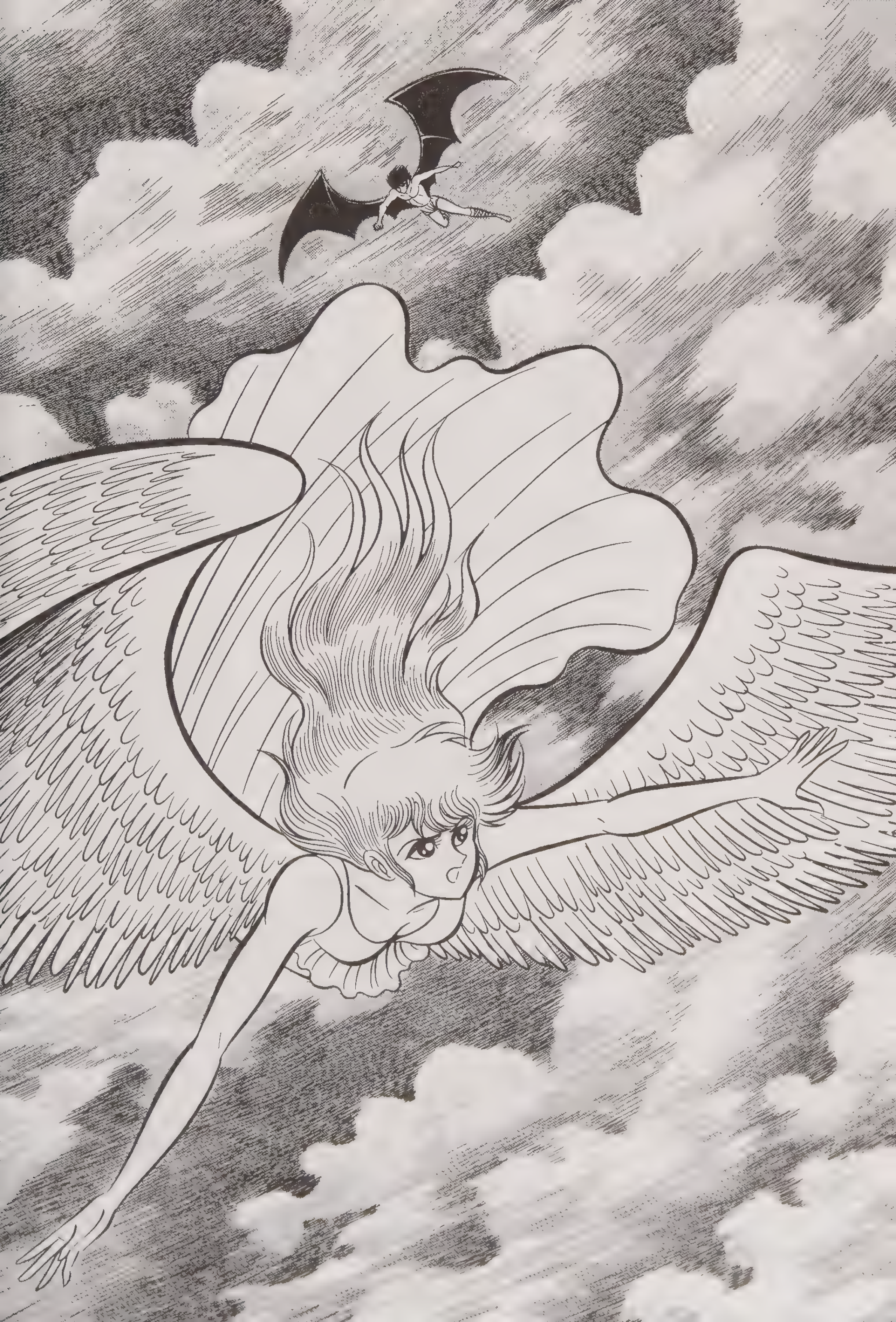

GWOOOOO
AIIEEE!
PYUU
GWOOOO
UWAA!
BYUUUUU
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
RUNNING AWAY, DEMON?!
SWOOSH

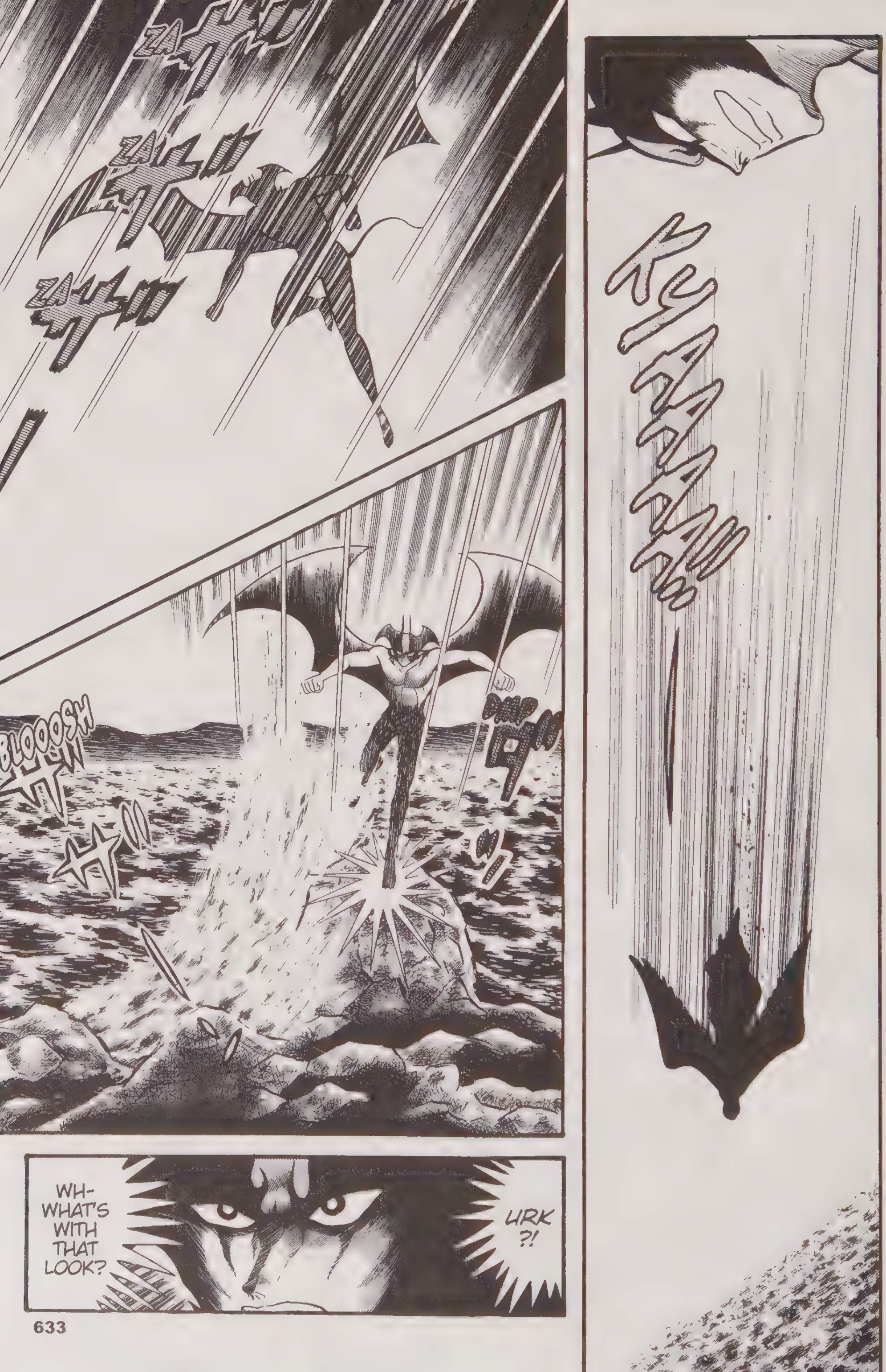

PA-PA
ZING
ZING
PTING
RATTA
AGH!
CITIZENS OF SAMOTHRACE! RAISE YOUR FIERY SWORDS AND THUNDEROUS RODS TO SMITE THE DEVIL!
THE ISLE OF SAMOTHRACE STANDS INVINCIBLE!
BASAAA
NGN!
YOU THINK I'M THAT EASY?!
GWOOOOOO

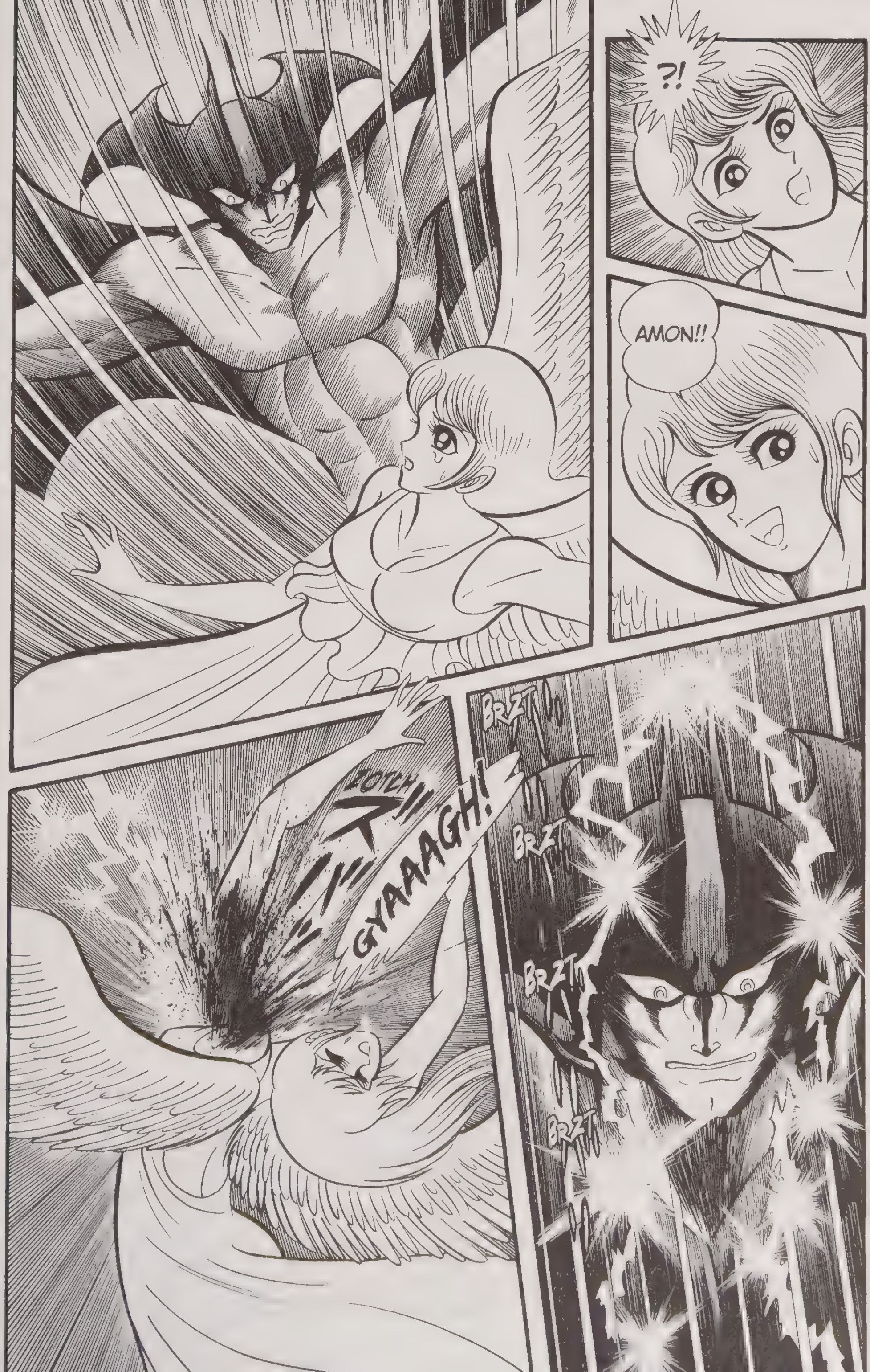

AKIRA!
SHU
GA-KLANK
HE VANISHED!

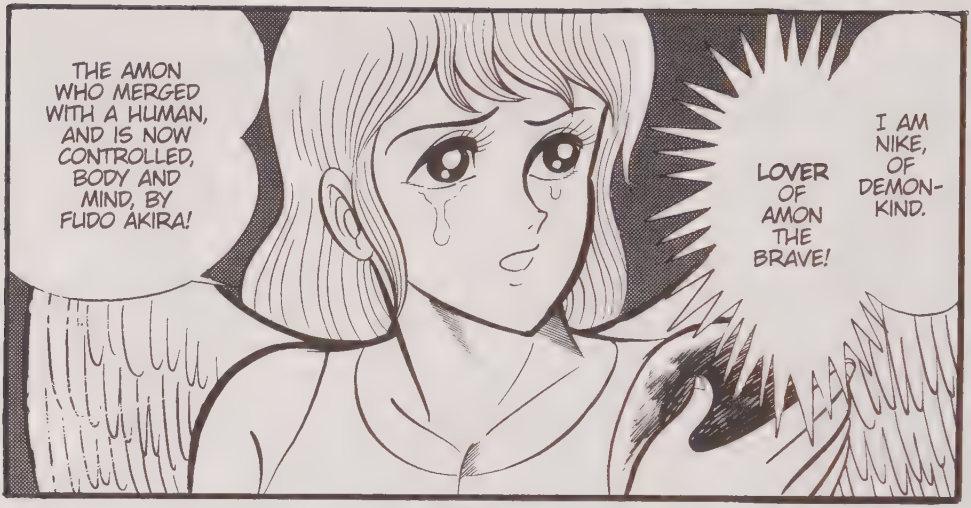

LADY NIKE!!
LADY NIKE!

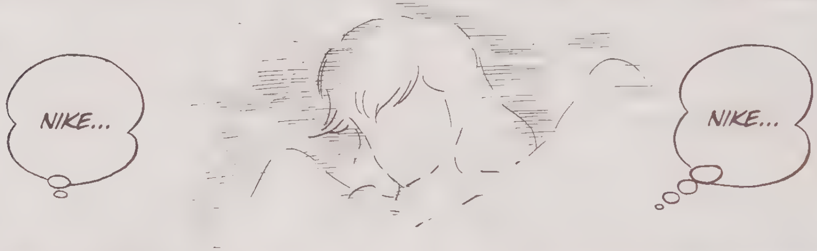

DEMON! YOU SULLY THE GODDESS NIKE'S NAME!
SHOW ME WHO YOU ARE!
GWOOSH

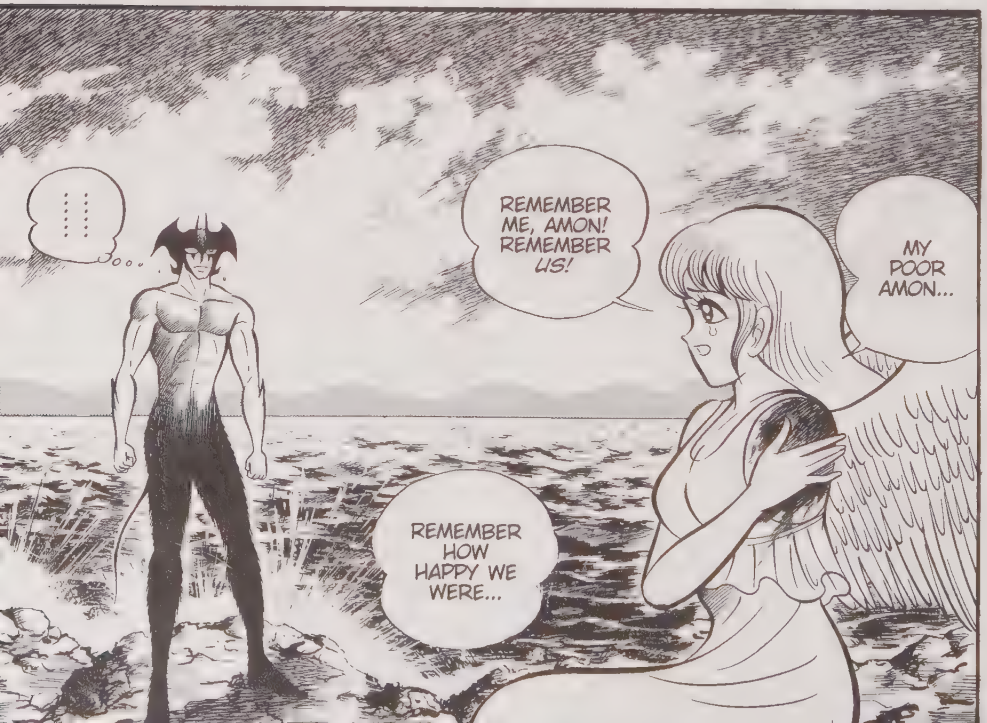


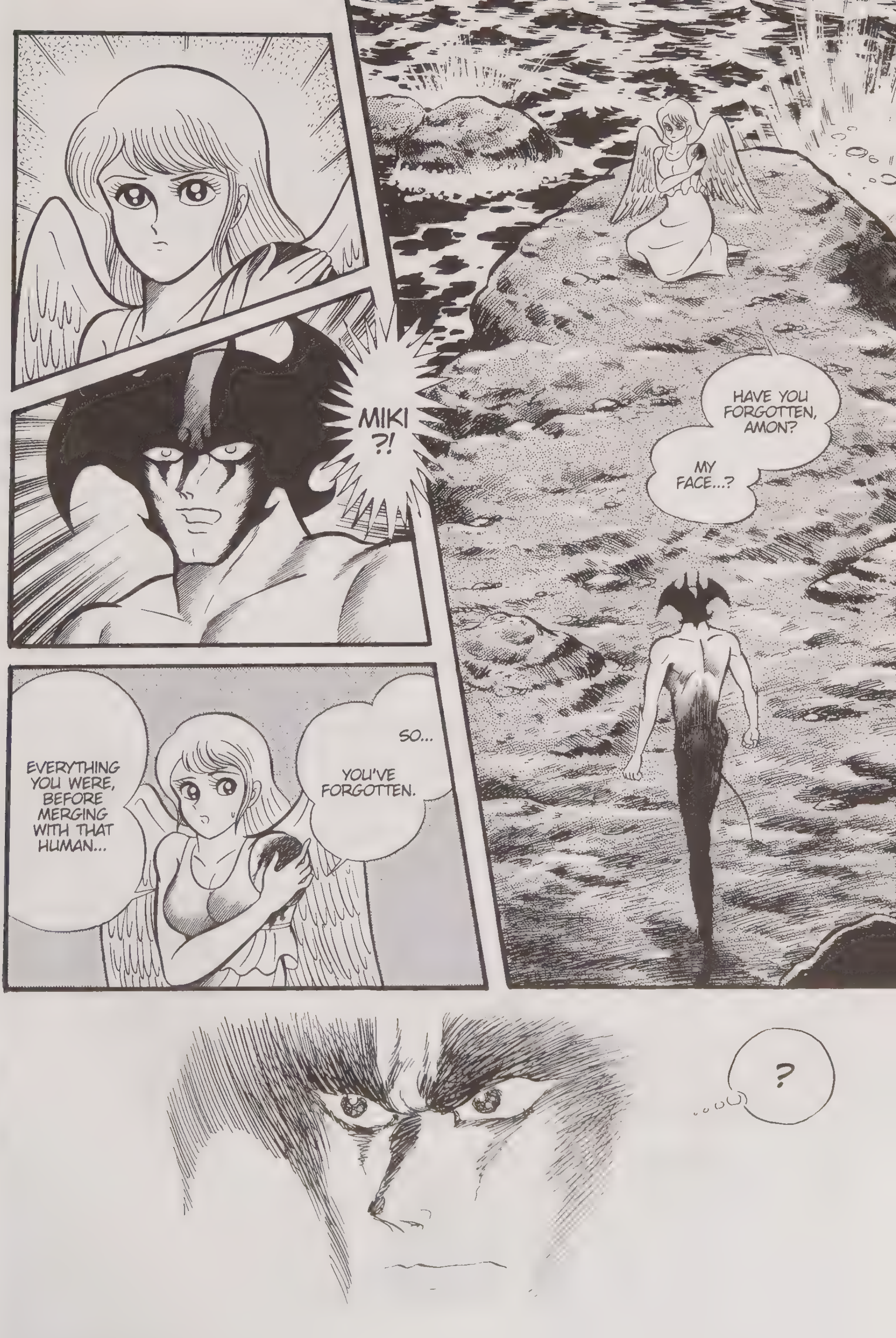

KYAAAAAH!!
ZA
ZA
ZA
DHIP
BLOOOSH
URK ?!
WH-WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?

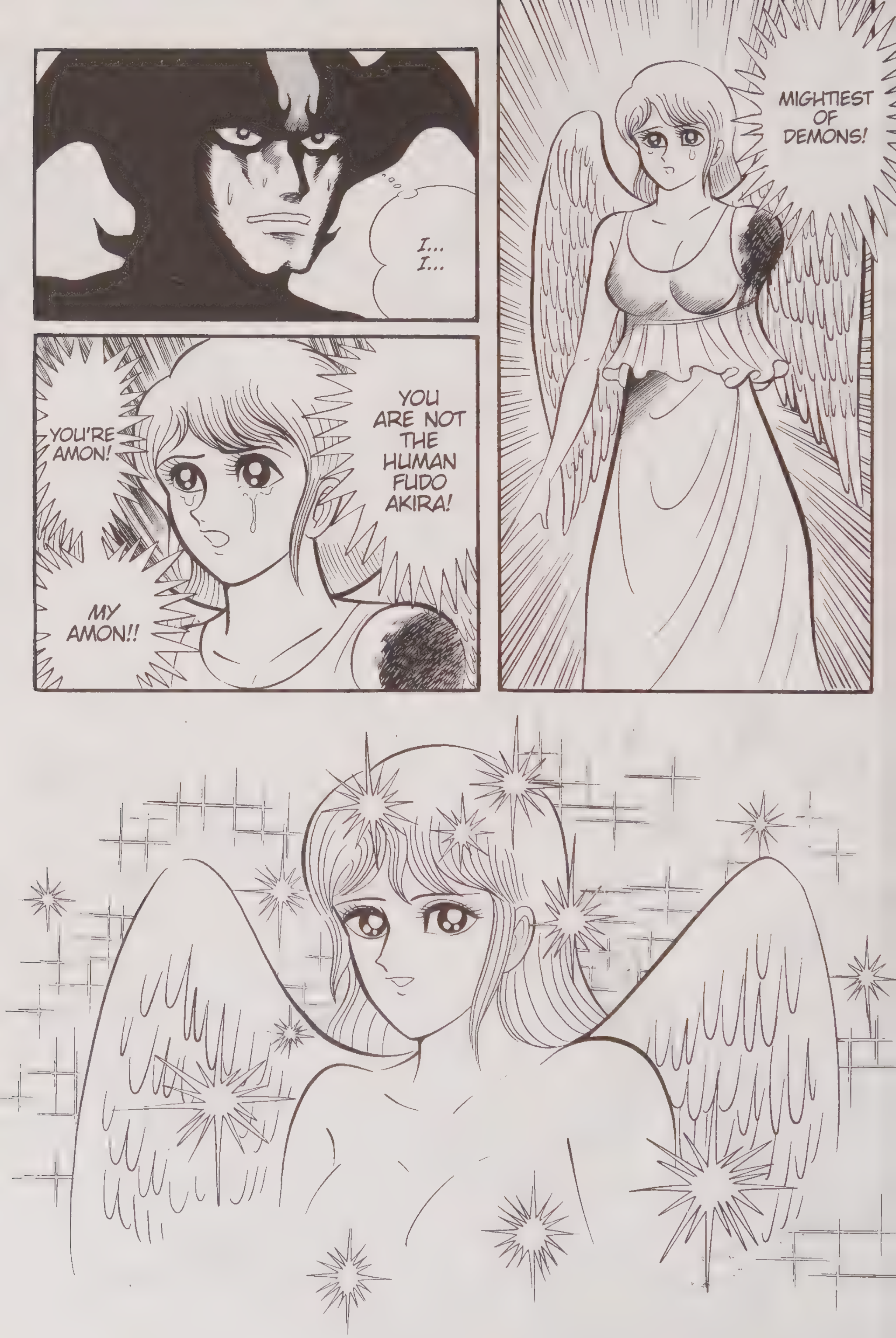

?!
AMON!!
BRZT
BRZT
BRZT
BRZT
GYAAAGH!

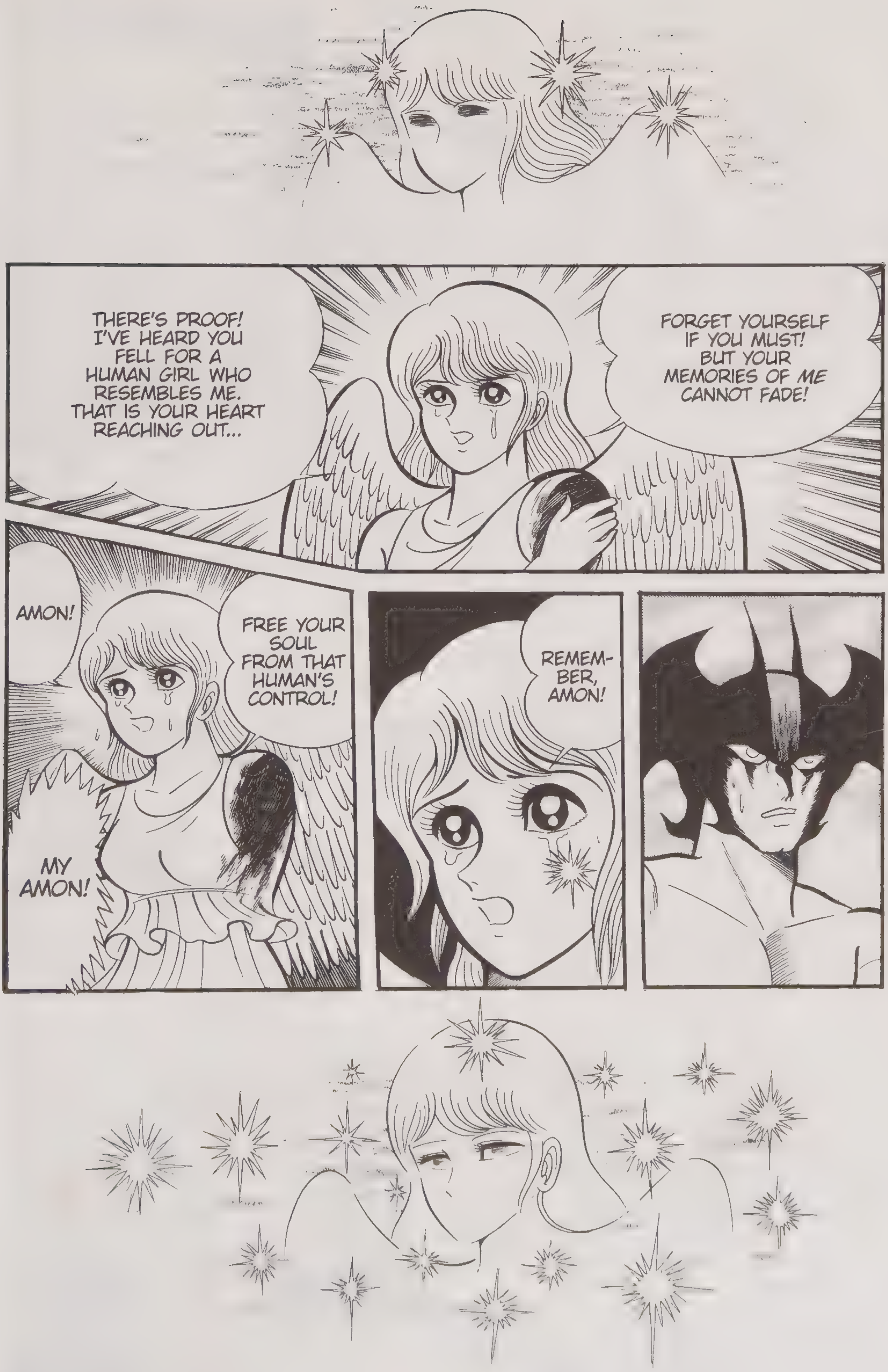

I AM NIKE, OF DEMON-KIND.
LOVER OF AMON THE BRAVE!
THE AMON WHO MERGED WITH A HUMAN, AND IS NOW CONTROLLED, BODY AND MIND, BY FUDO AKIRA!

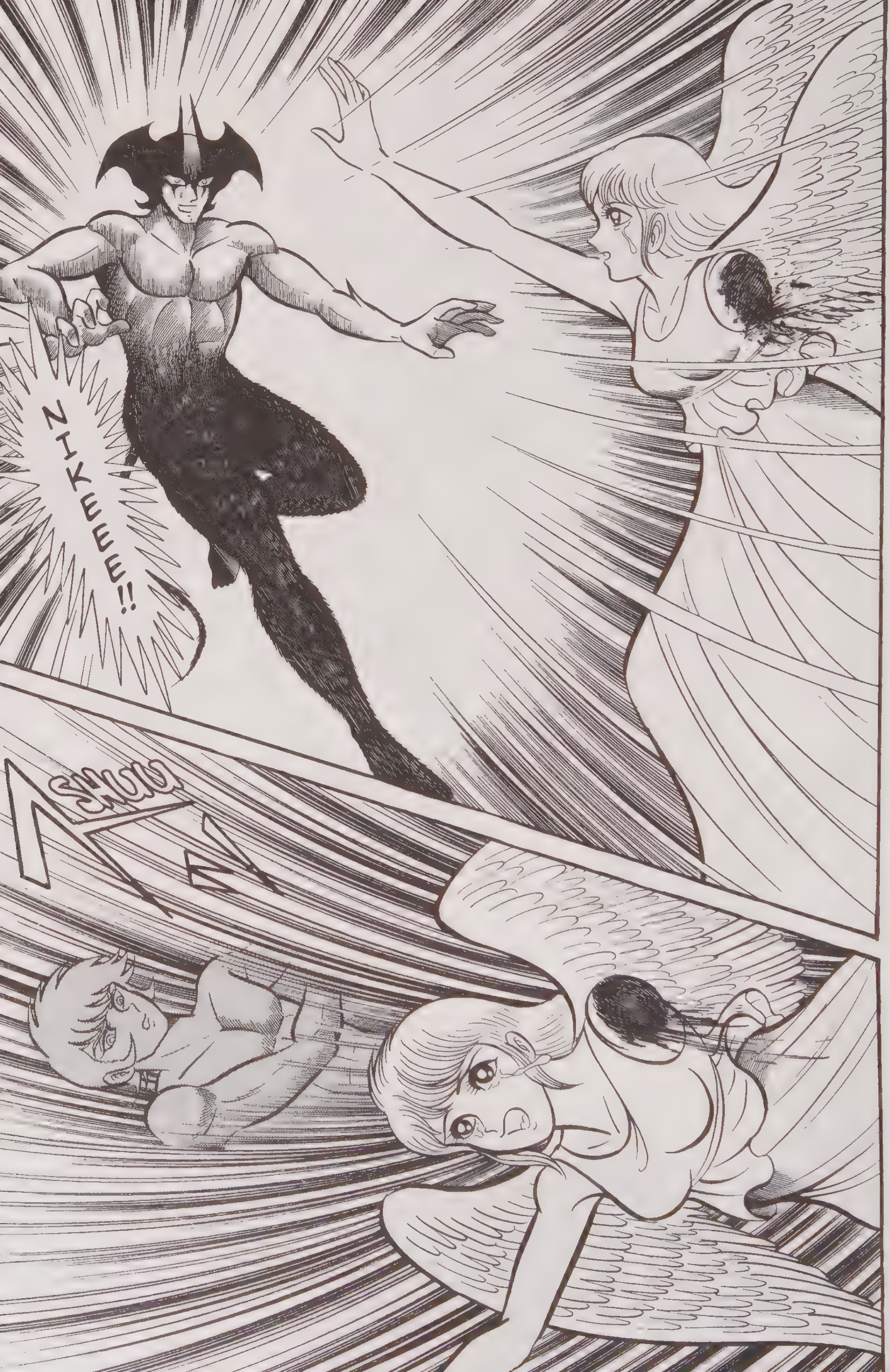

NIKE...
NIKE...

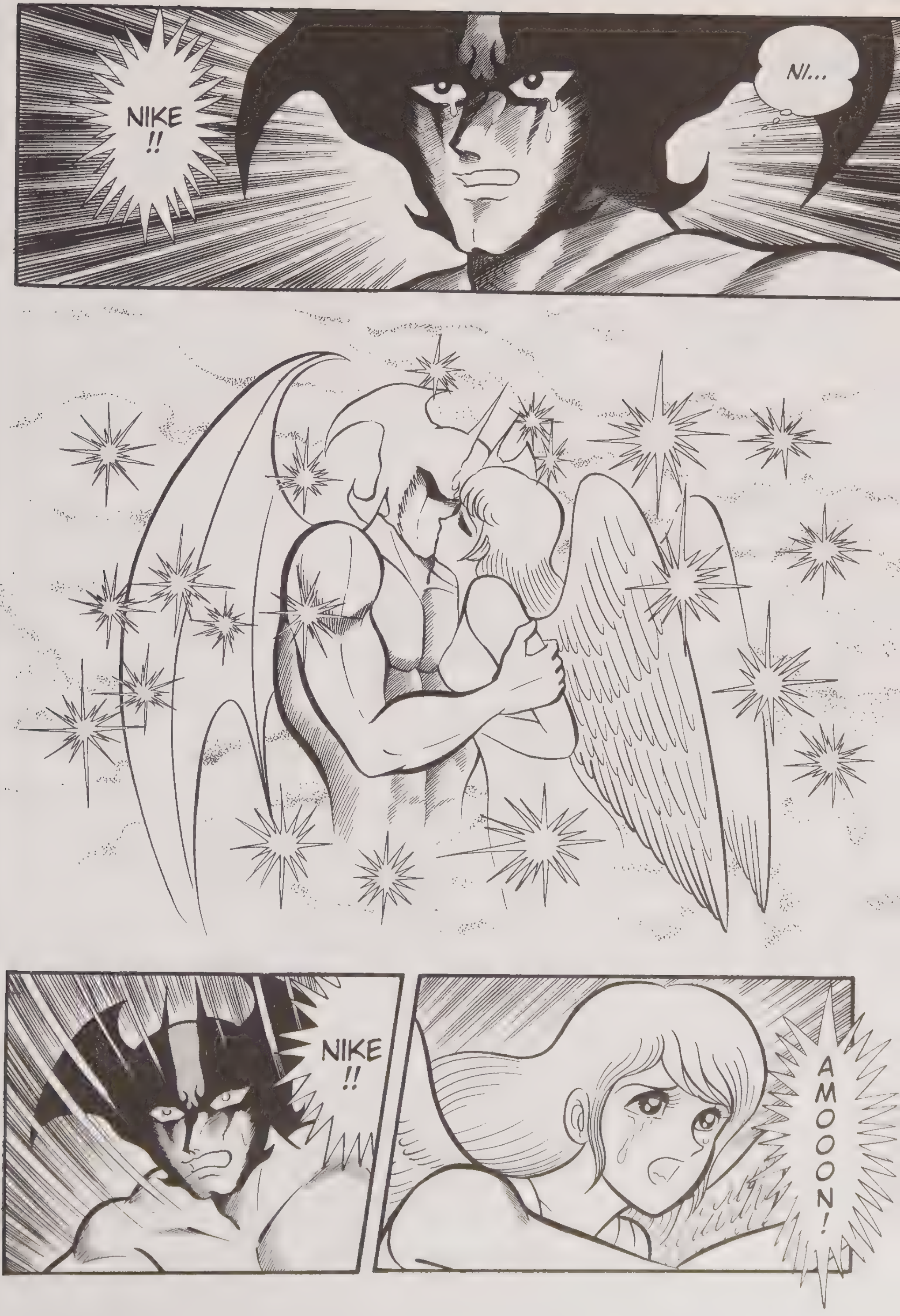

MY POOR AMON...
REMEMBER ME, AMON! REMEMBER US!
REMEMBER HOW HAPPY WE WERE...
……

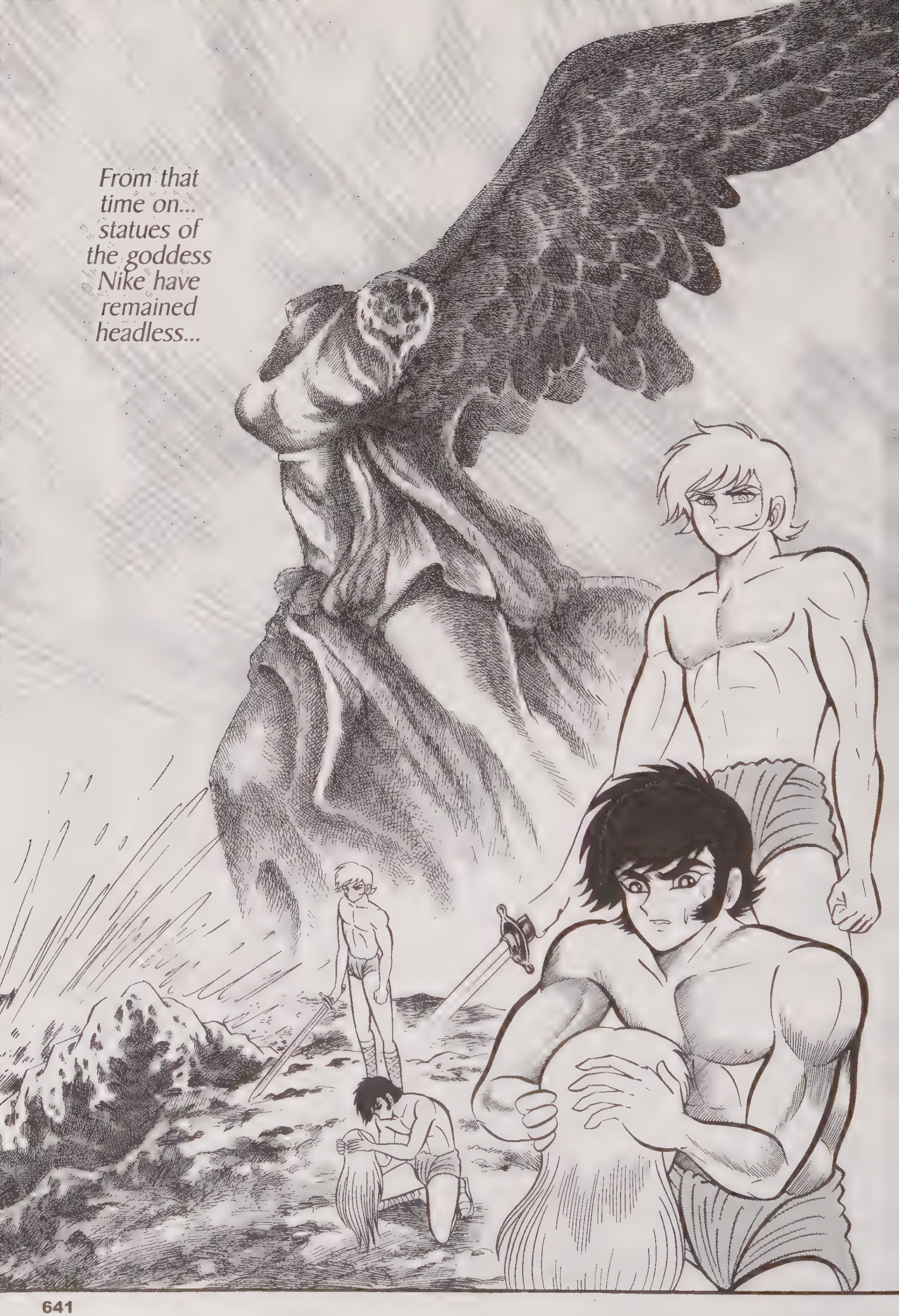

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN, AMON?
MY FACE...?
MIKI ?!
SO... YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.
EVERYTHING YOU WERE, BEFORE MERGING WITH THAT HUMAN...
?

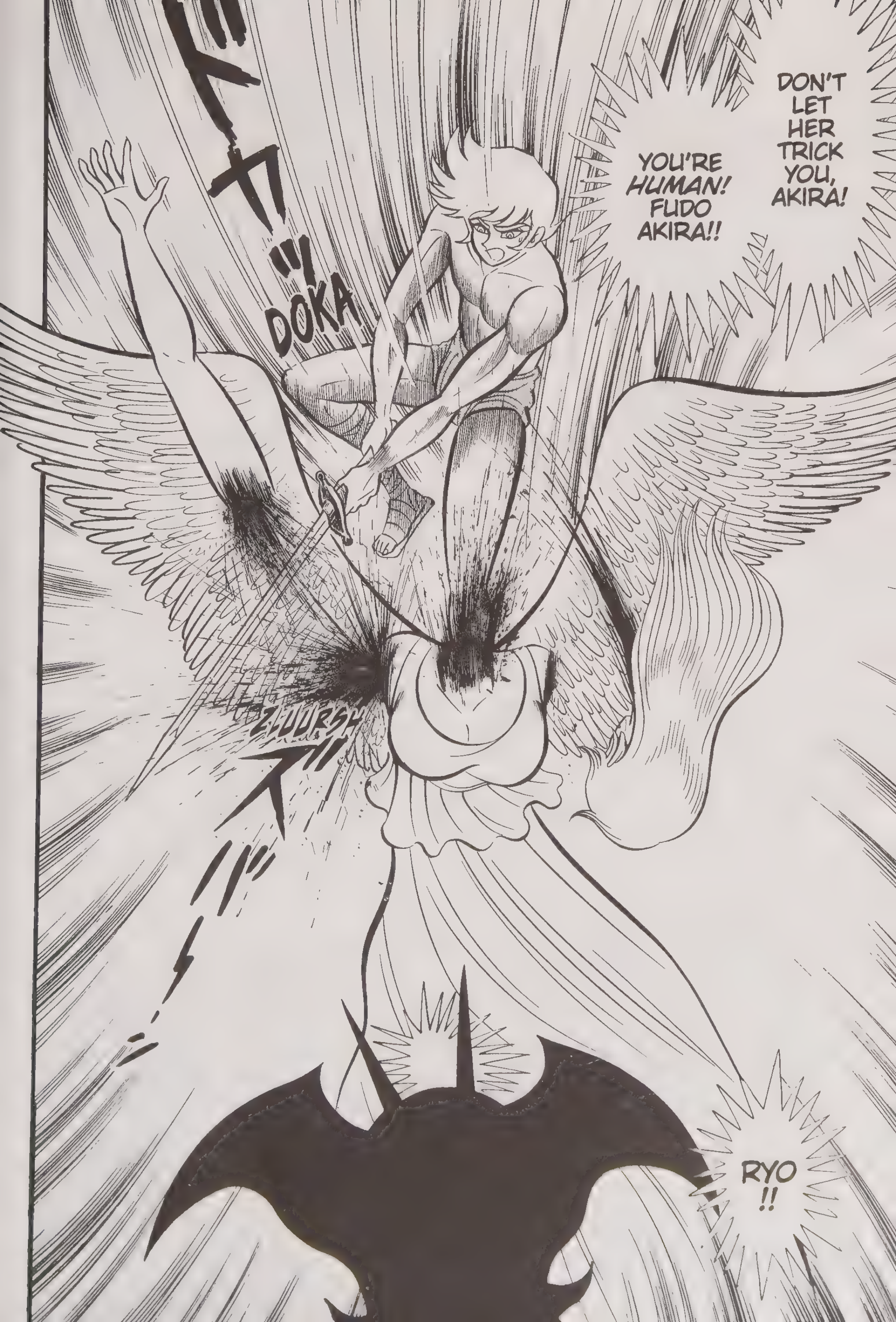

I... I...
YOU'RE AMON!
YOU ARE NOT THE HUMAN FUDO AKIRA!
MY AMON!!
MIGHTIEST OF DEMONS!

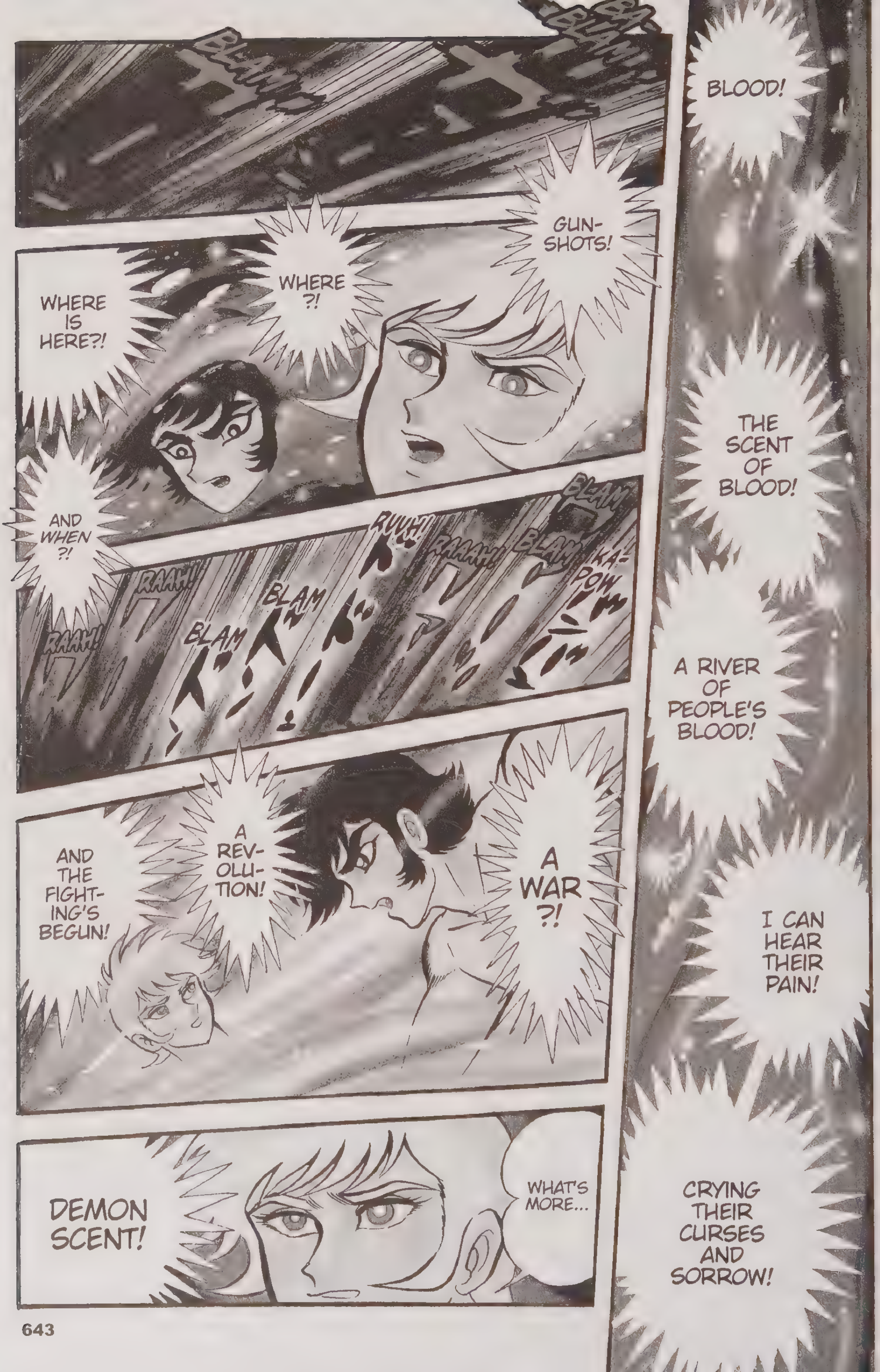

FORGET YOURSELF IF YOU MUST! BUT YOUR MEMORIES OF *ME* CANNOT FADE!
THERE'S PROOF! I'VE HEARD YOU FELL FOR A HUMAN GIRL WHO RESEMBLES ME. THAT IS YOUR HEART REACHING OUT...
REMEMBER, AMON!
FREE YOUR SOUL FROM THAT HUMAN'S CONTROL!
AMON!
MY AMON!

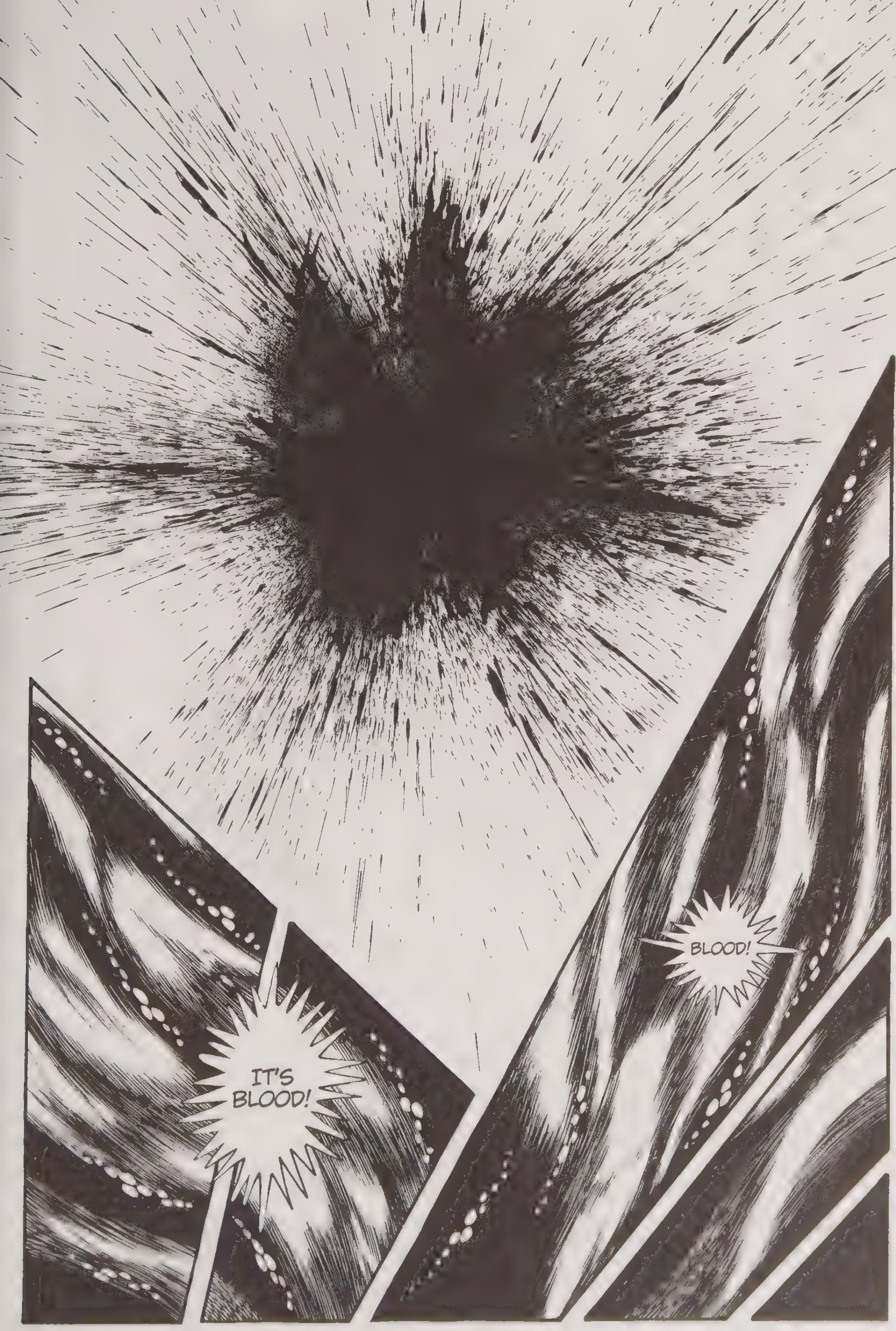

NIKEEE!!
SHUU


NI...
NIKE !!
AMOOOON!
NIKE !!


From that time on... statues of the goddess Nike have remained headless...


DON'T LET HER TRICK YOU, AKIRA!
YOU'RE *HUMAN!* FUDO AKIRA!!
DOKA
ZUURSH
RYO !!


BA-BLAM
BLAM
BLOOD!
THE SCENT OF BLOOD!
A RIVER OF PEOPLE'S BLOOD!
I CAN HEAR THEIR PAIN!
CRYING THEIR CURSES AND SORROW!
GUN-SHOTS!
WHERE ?!
WHERE IS HERE?!
AND WHEN ?!
BLAM
BLAM
KA-POW
RAAAH!
RUUH!
BLAM
BLAM
RAAH!
RAAH!
A WAR ?!
A REV-OLU-TION!
AND THE FIGHT-ING'S BEGUN!
WHAT'S MORE...
DEMON SCENT!


BLOOD!
IT'S BLOOD!

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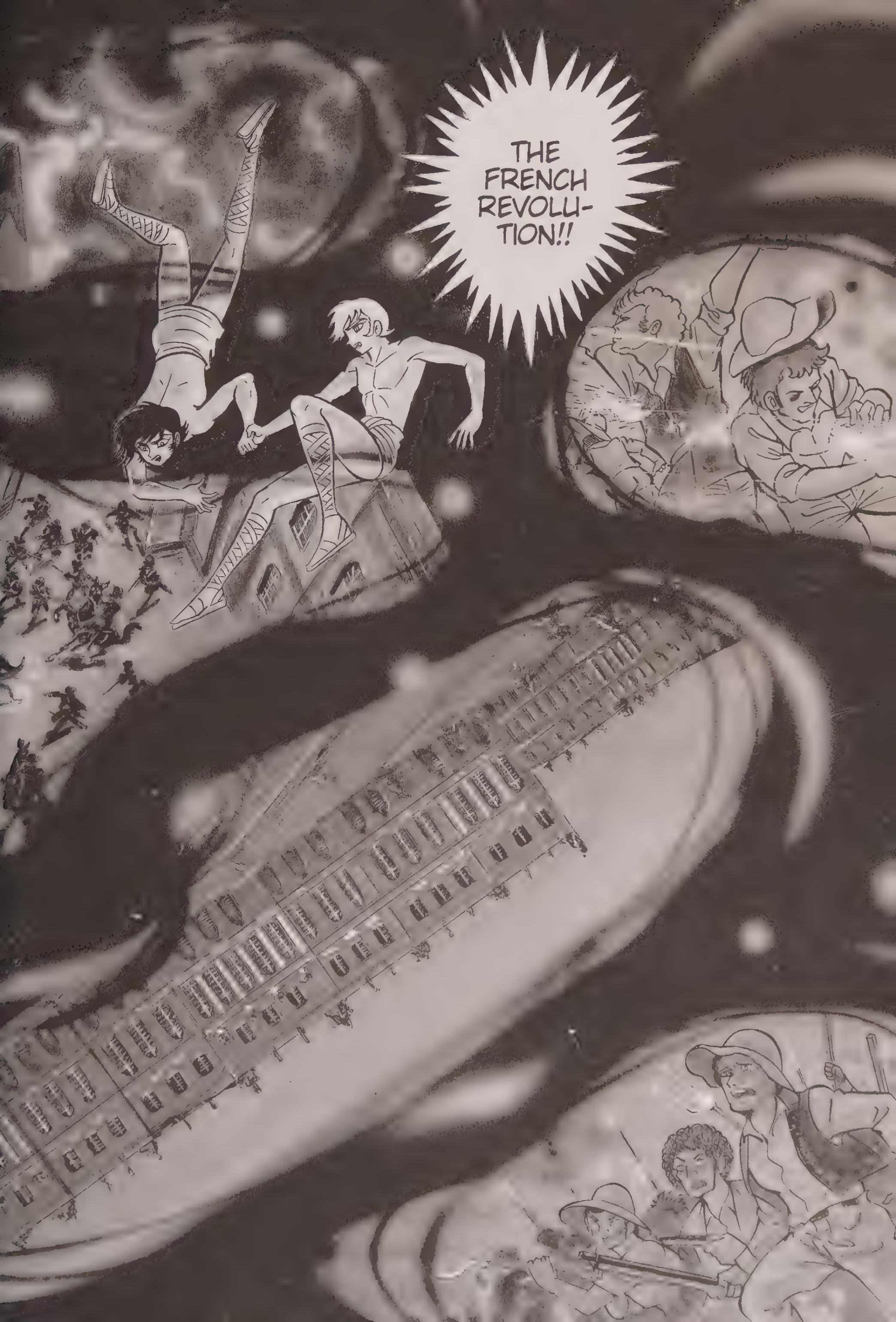
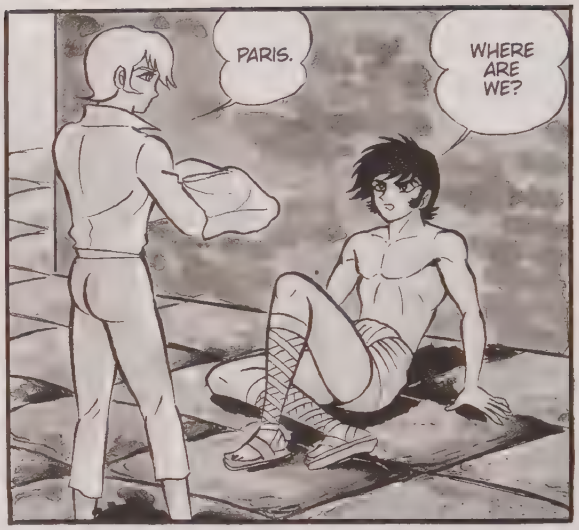
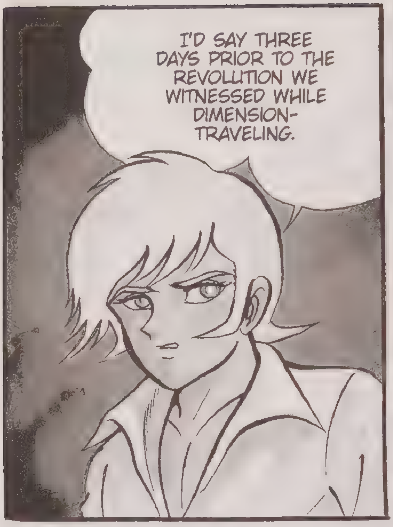
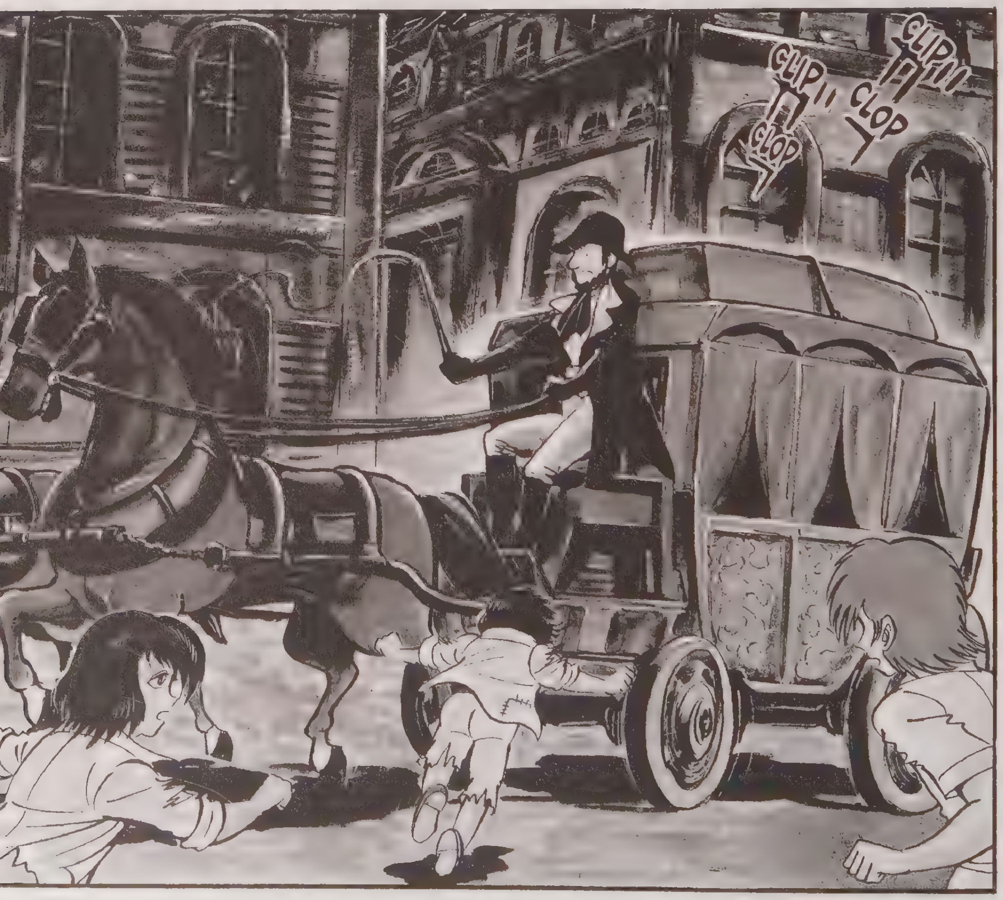
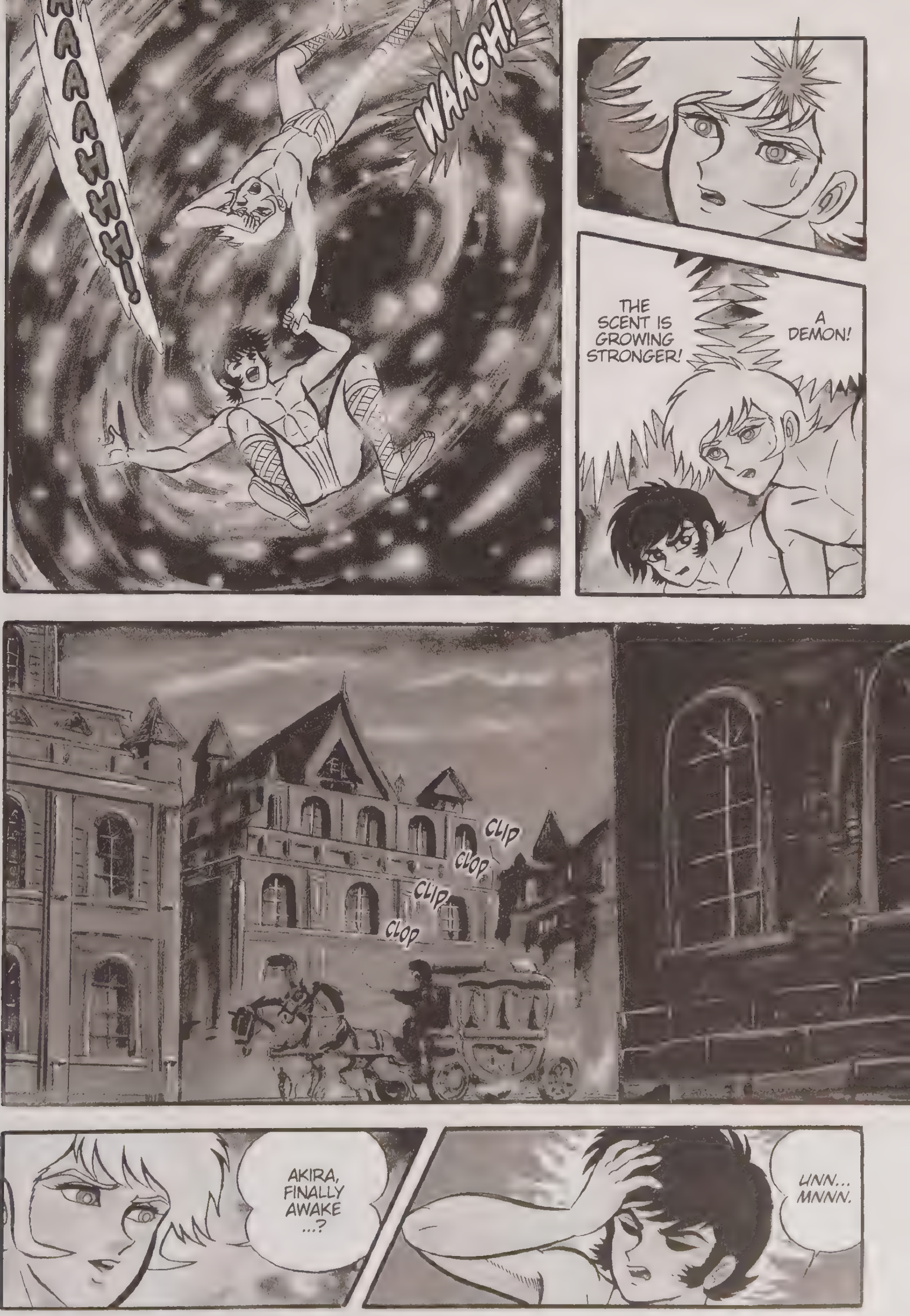
The Witch Queen of Versailles

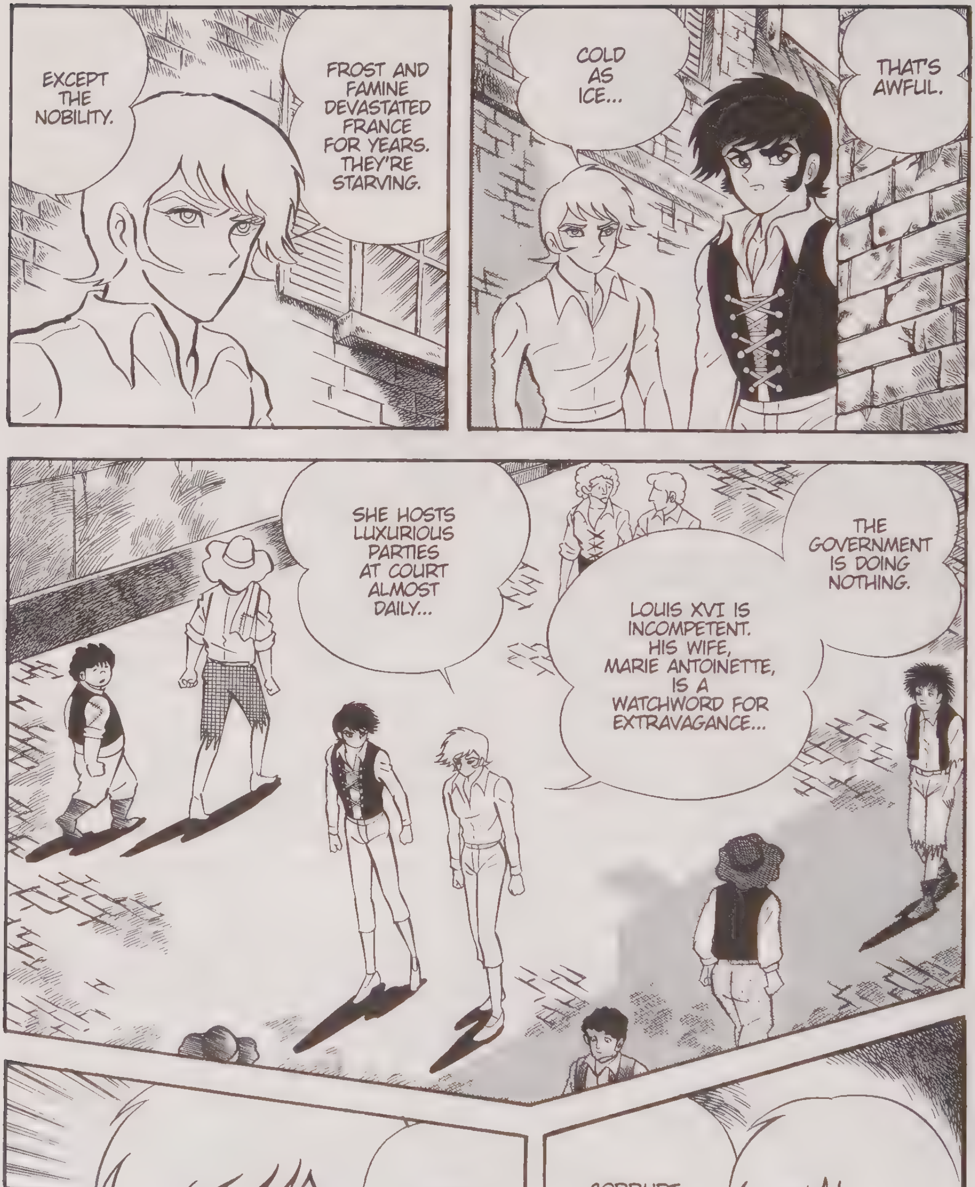

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION!!

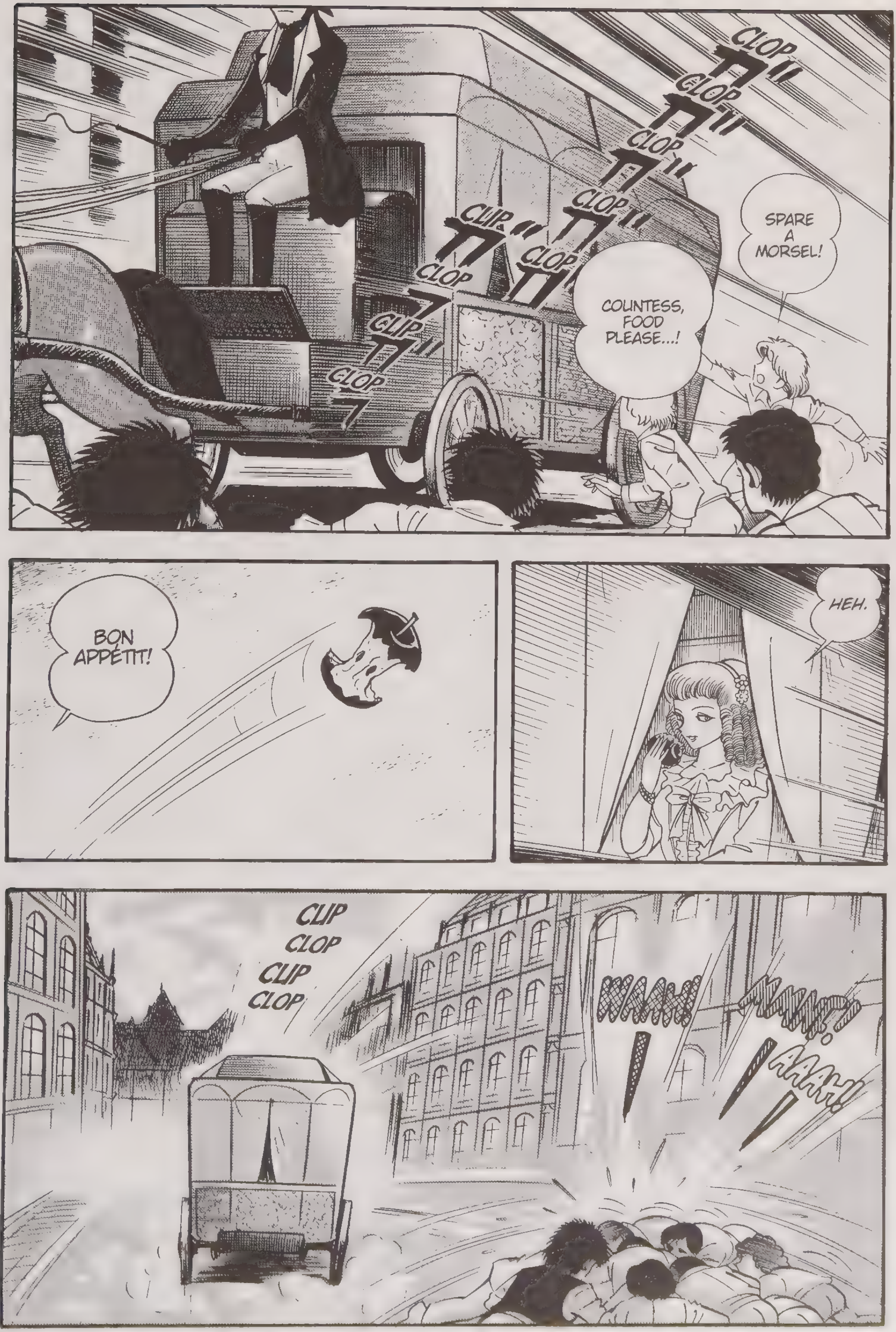

WHERE ARE WE?
PARIS.

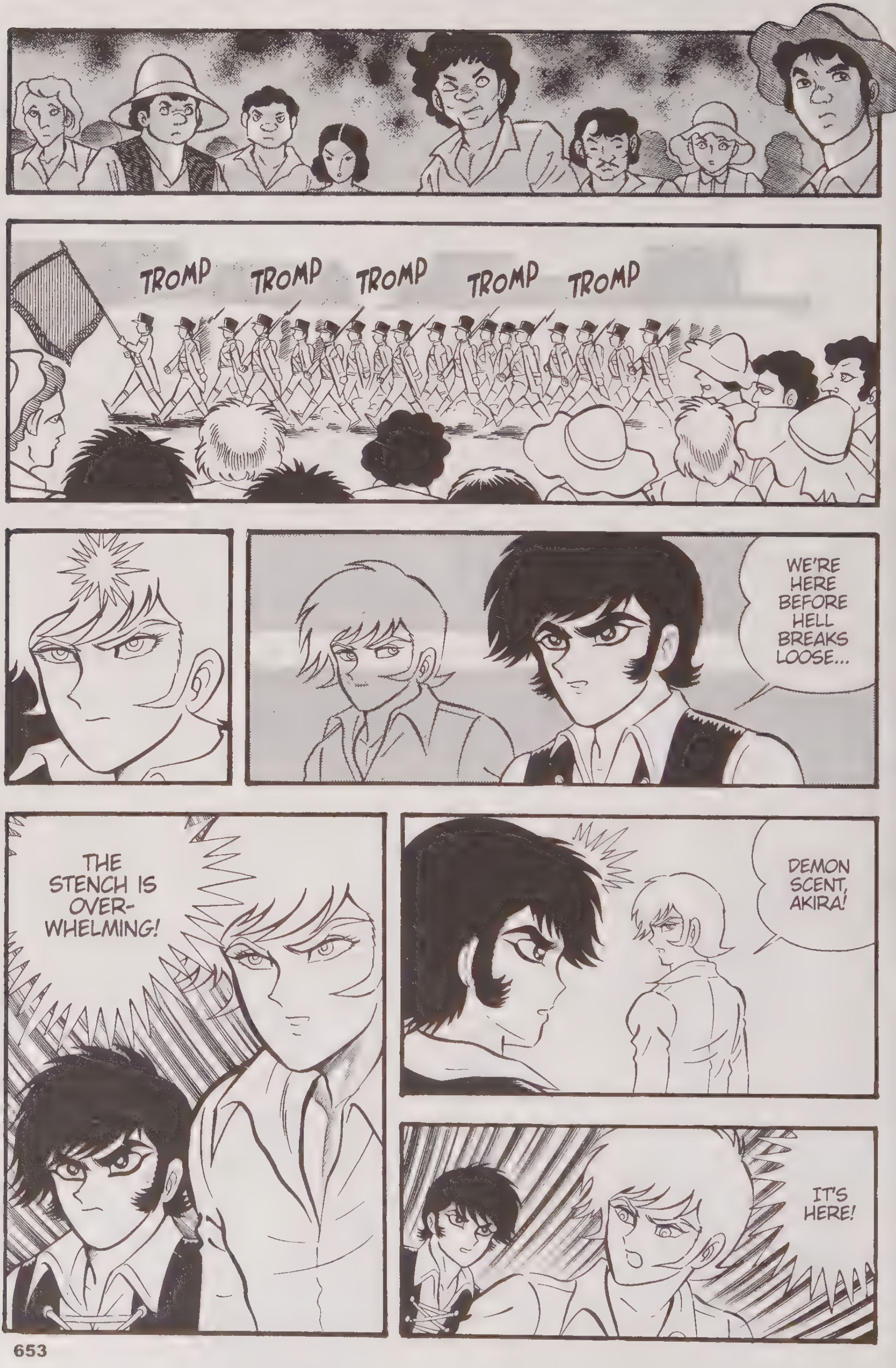

I'D SAY THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE REVOLUTION WE WITNESSED WHILE DIMENSION-TRAVELING.


CLIP!! CLOP
CLIP!! CLOP


A DEMON!
THE SCENT IS GROWING STRONGER!
WAAGH!
AAAAAHHHH!
CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
CLOP
UNN... MNNN.
AKIRA, FINALLY AWAKE ...?


THAT'S AWFUL.
COLD AS ICE...
FROST AND FAMINE DEVASTATED FRANCE FOR YEARS. THEY'RE STARVING.
EXCEPT THE NOBILITY.
THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING NOTHING.
LOUIS XVI IS INCOMPETENT. HIS WIFE, MARIE ANTOINETTE, IS A WATCHWORD FOR EXTRAVAGANCE...
SHE HOSTS LUXURIOUS PARTIES AT COURT ALMOST DAILY...
CORRUPT NOBLES. DRUNKEN LORDS. ALL HIGH ON LUXURY.
WHILE THE PEOPLE STARVE. THIS PALACE...


SPARE A MORSEL!
COUNTESS, FOOD PLEASE...!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
CLOP
HEH.
BON APPÉTIT!
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
AAAH!
CLIP CLOP CLIP CLOP


TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
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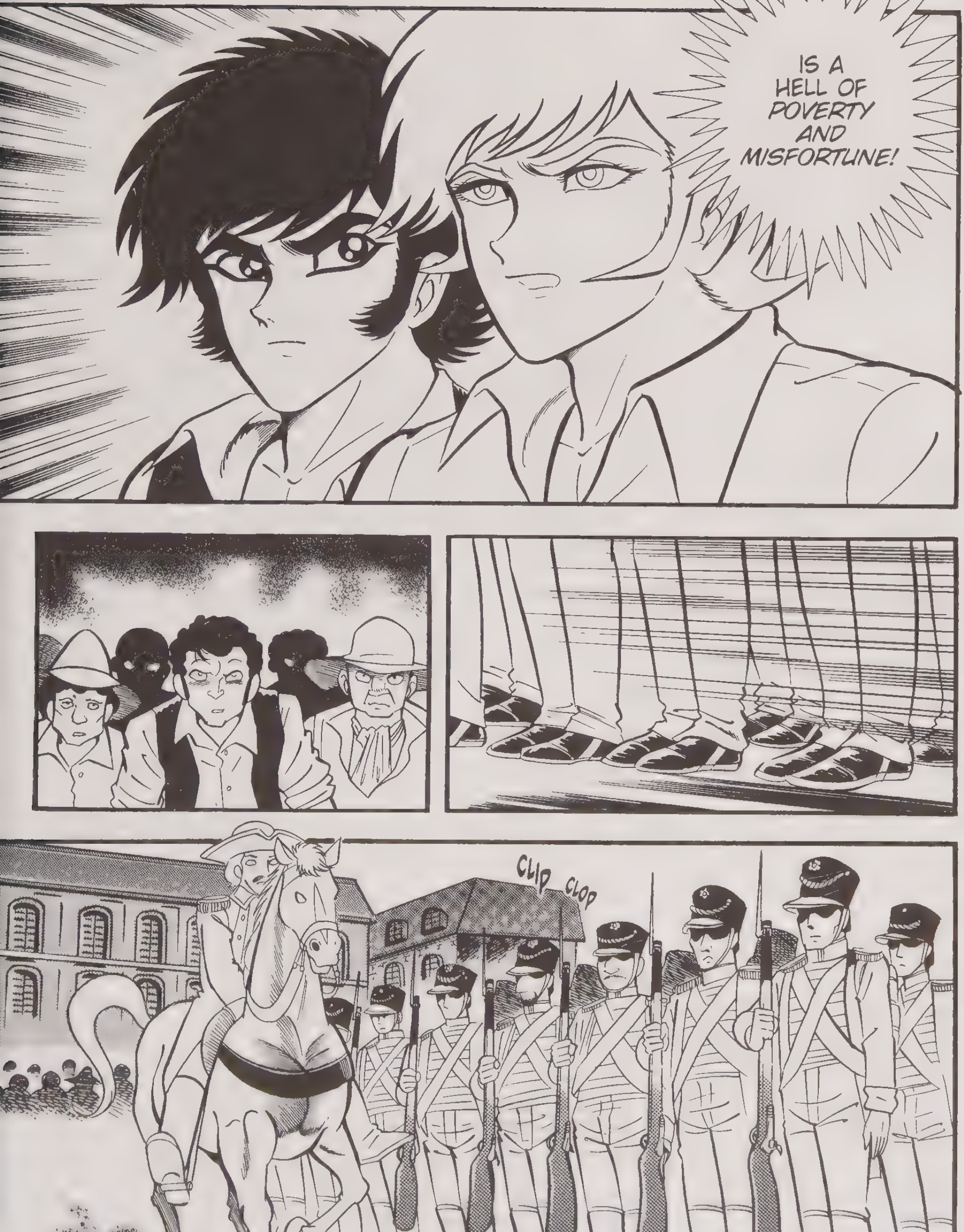
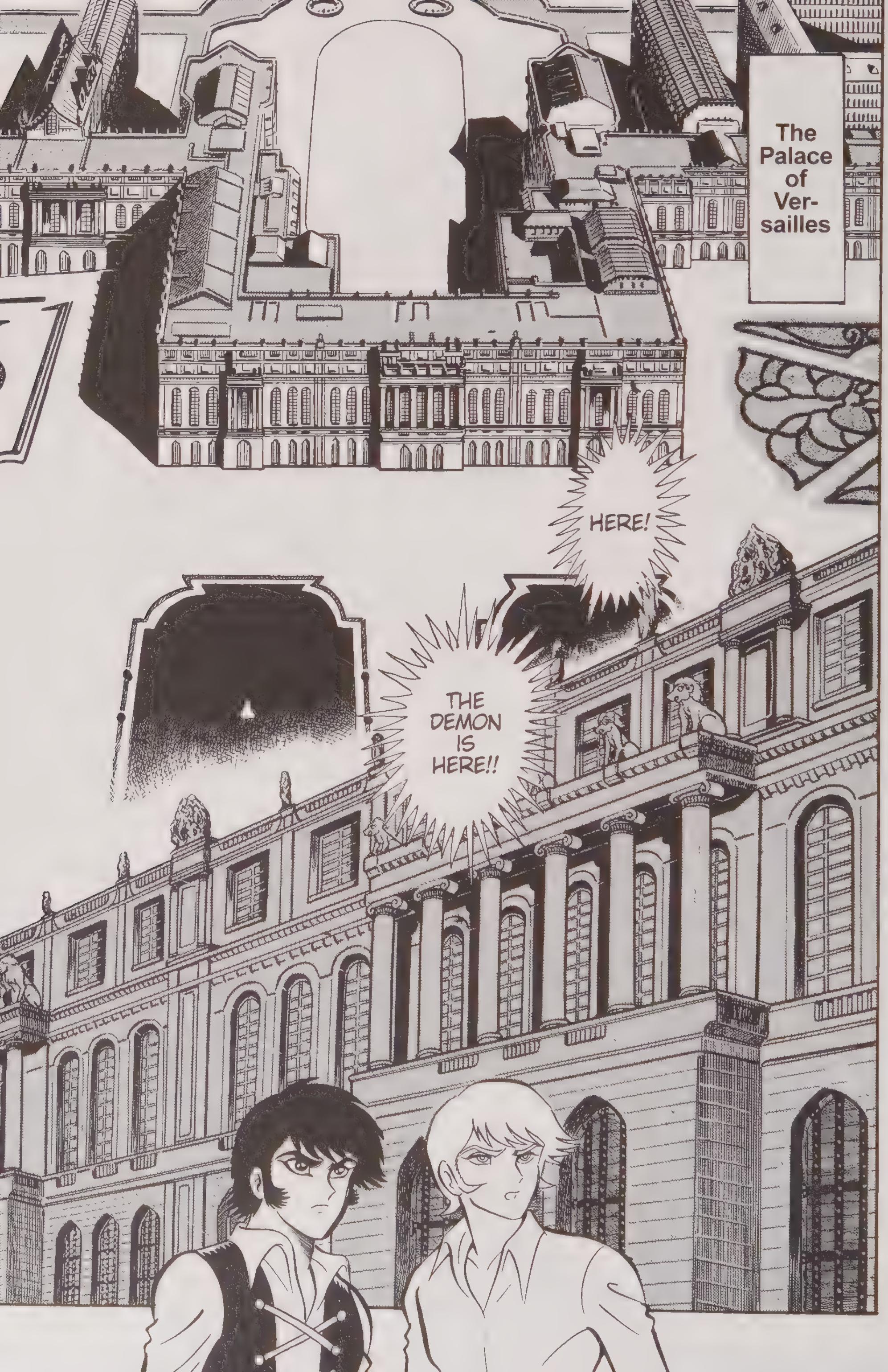
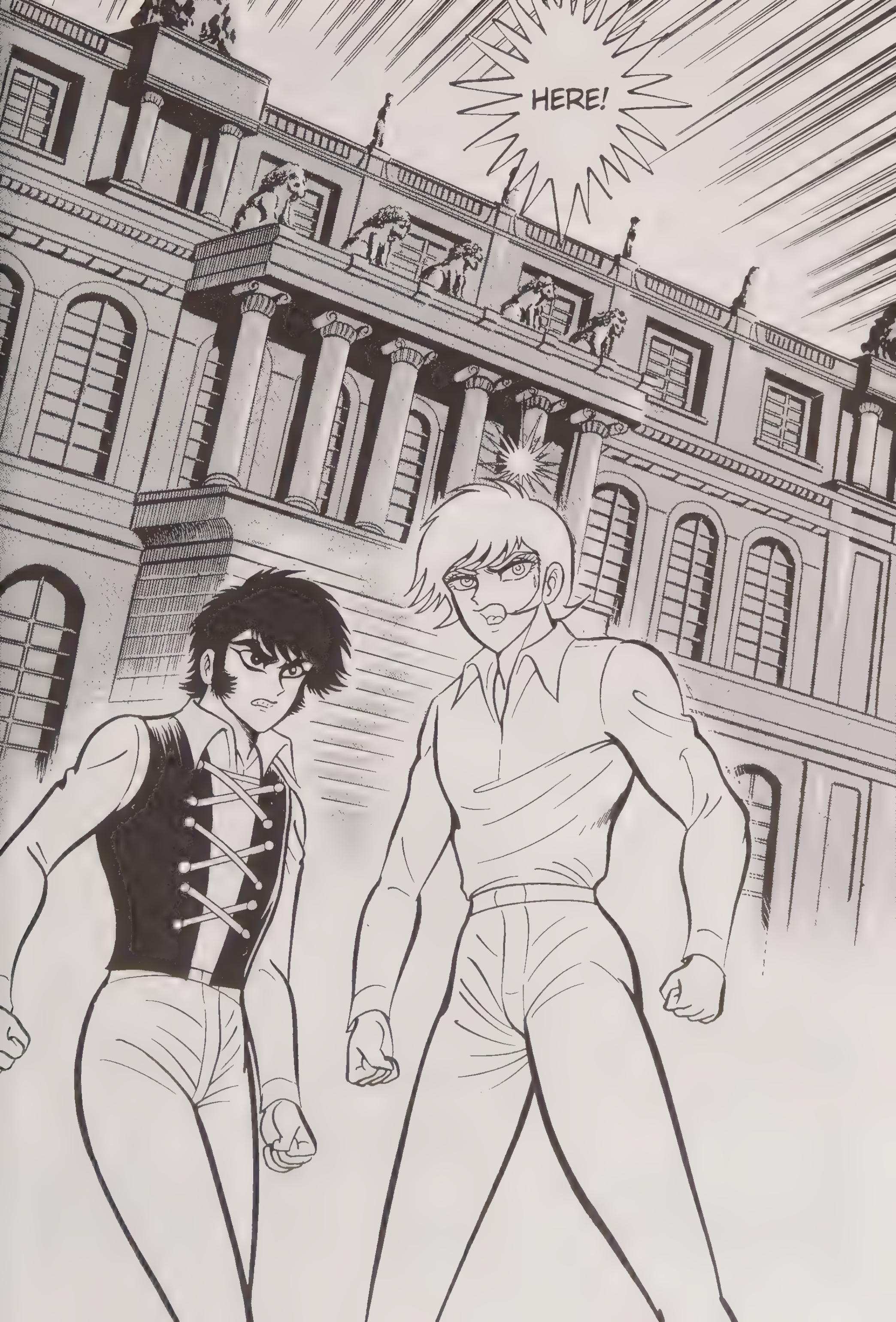
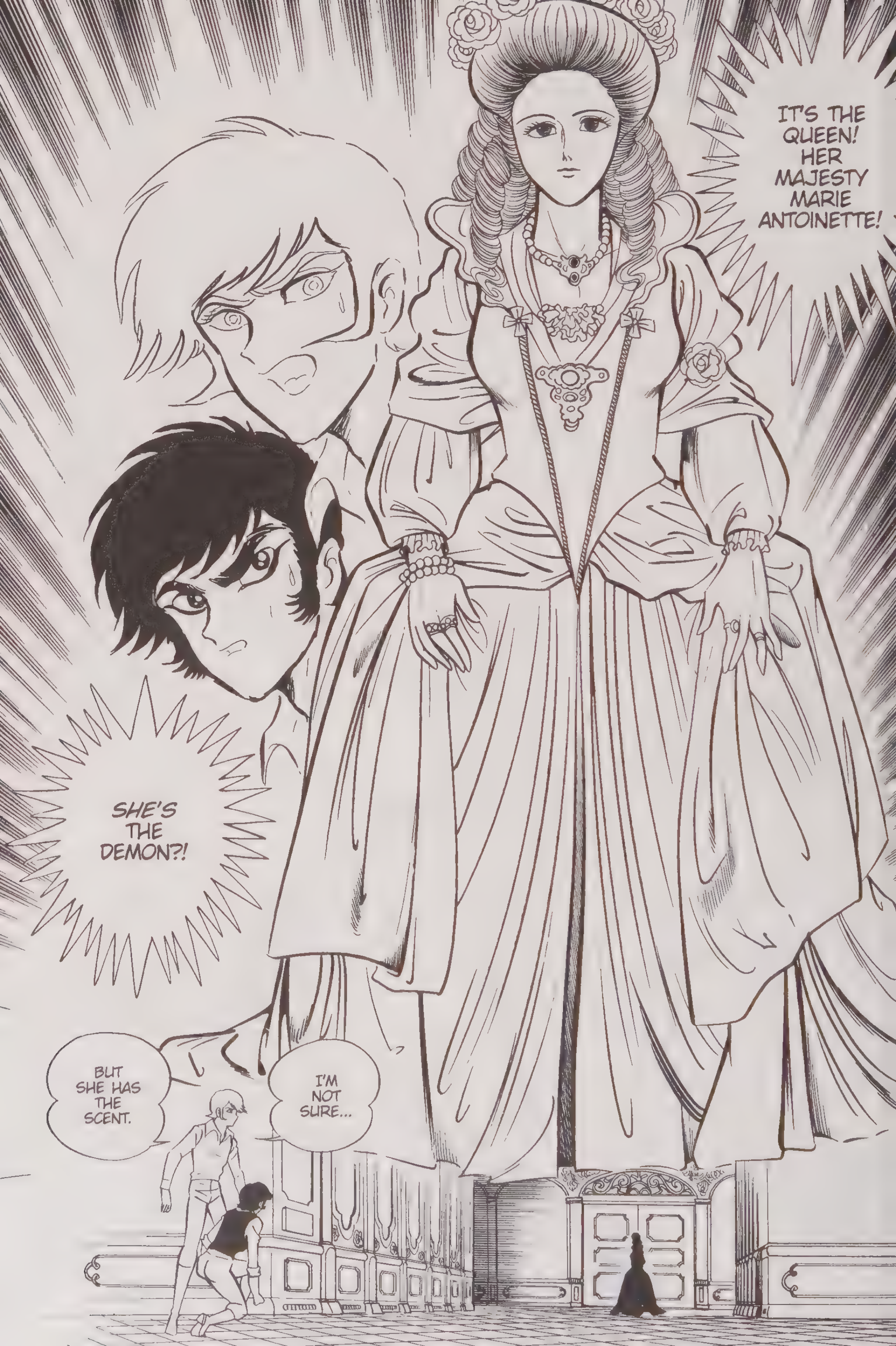
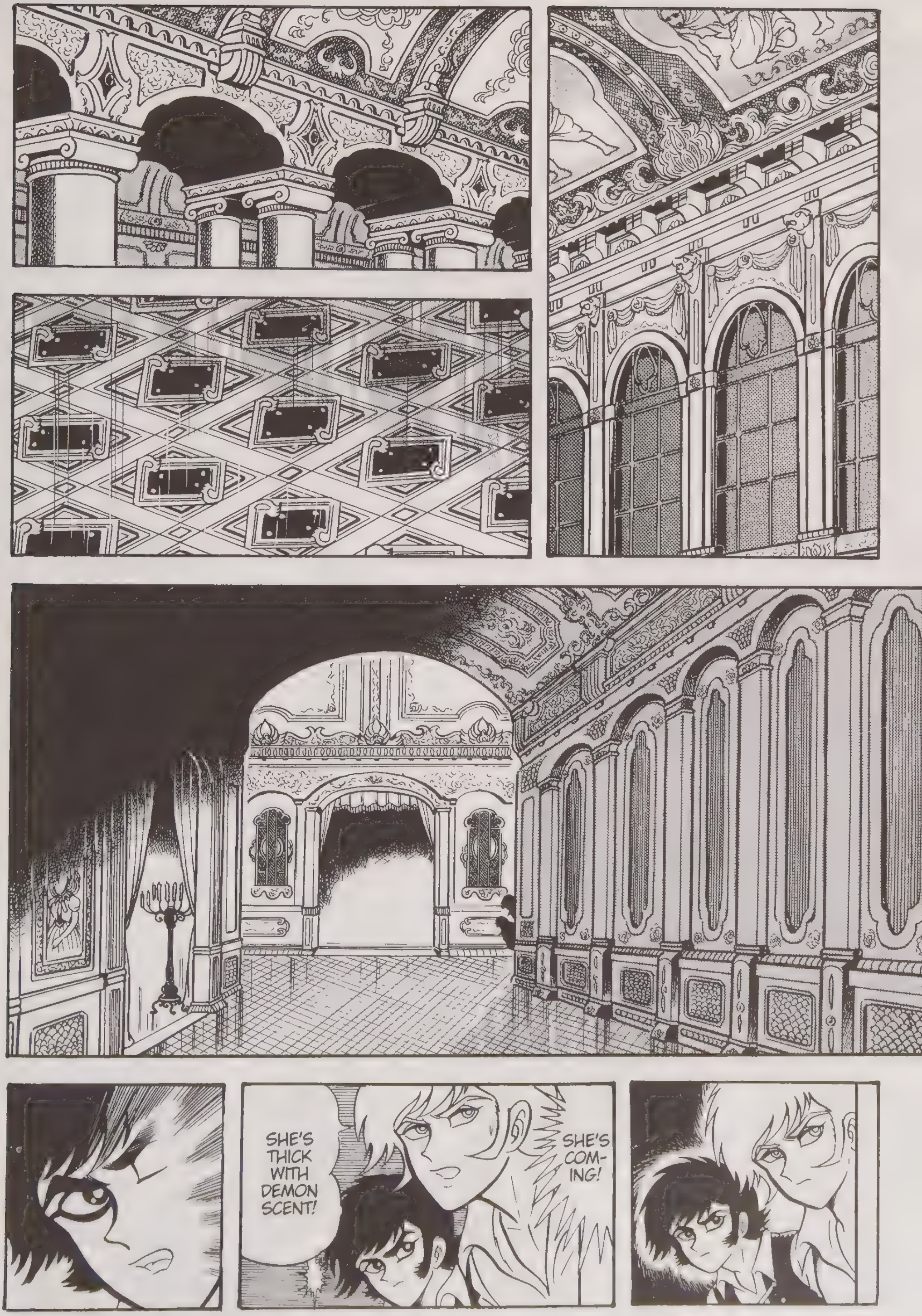
WE'RE HERE BEFORE HELL BREAKS LOOSE...
DEMON SCENT, AKIRA!
IT'S HERE!
THE STENCH IS OVERWHELMING!

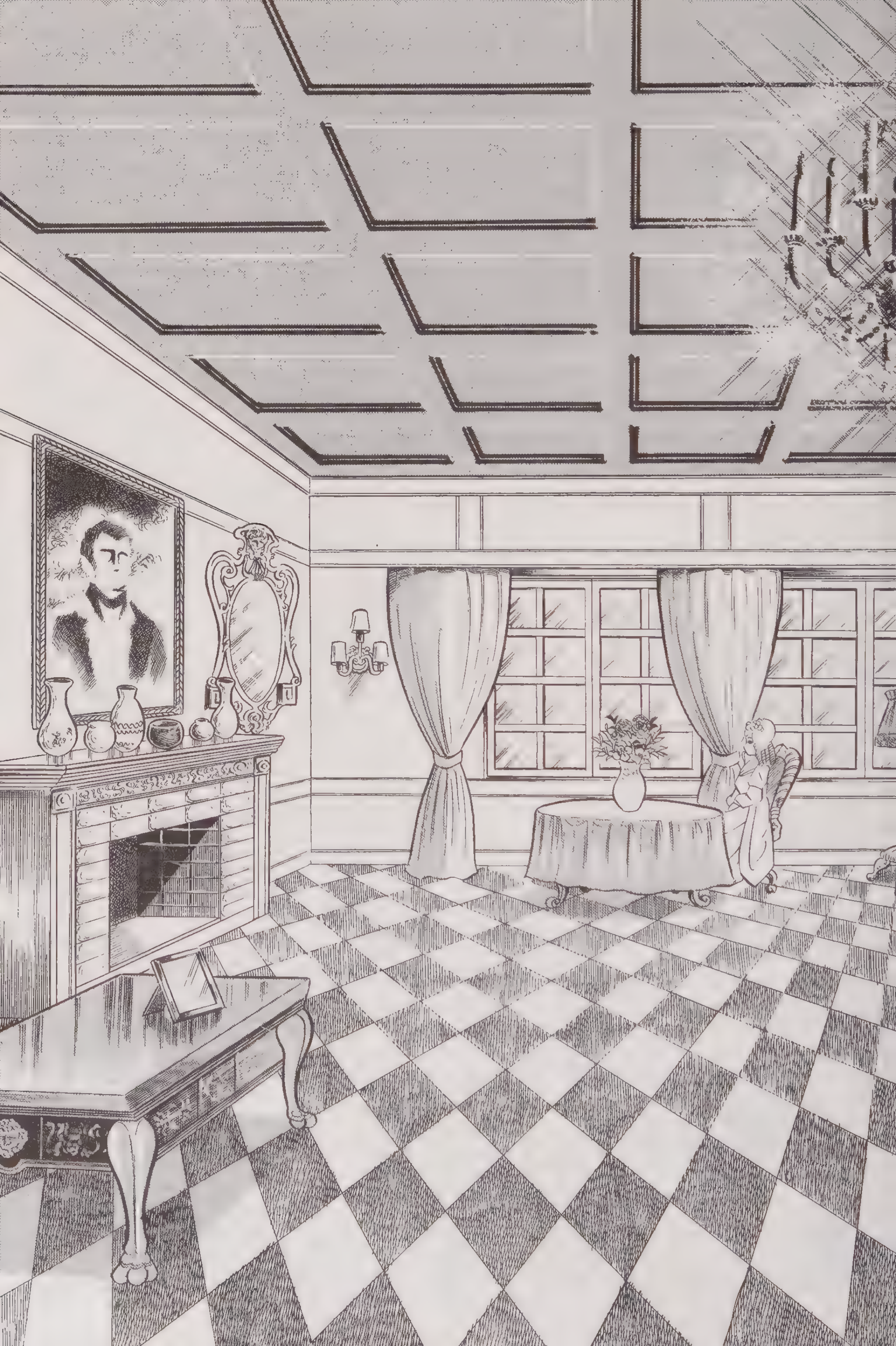

IS A HELL OF POVERTY AND MISFORTUNE!
CLIP CLOP

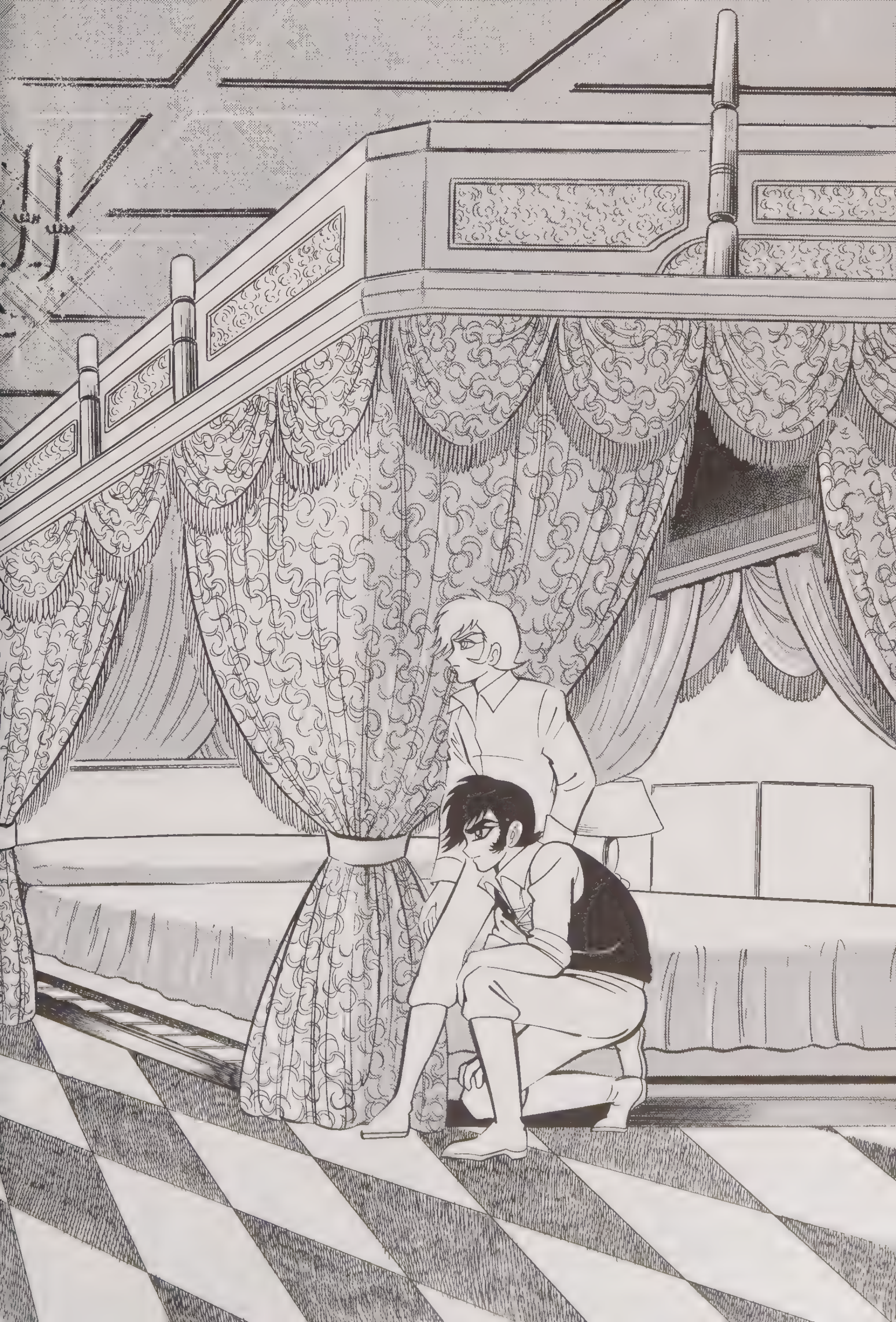

The Palace of Versailles
HERE!
THE DEMON IS HERE!!

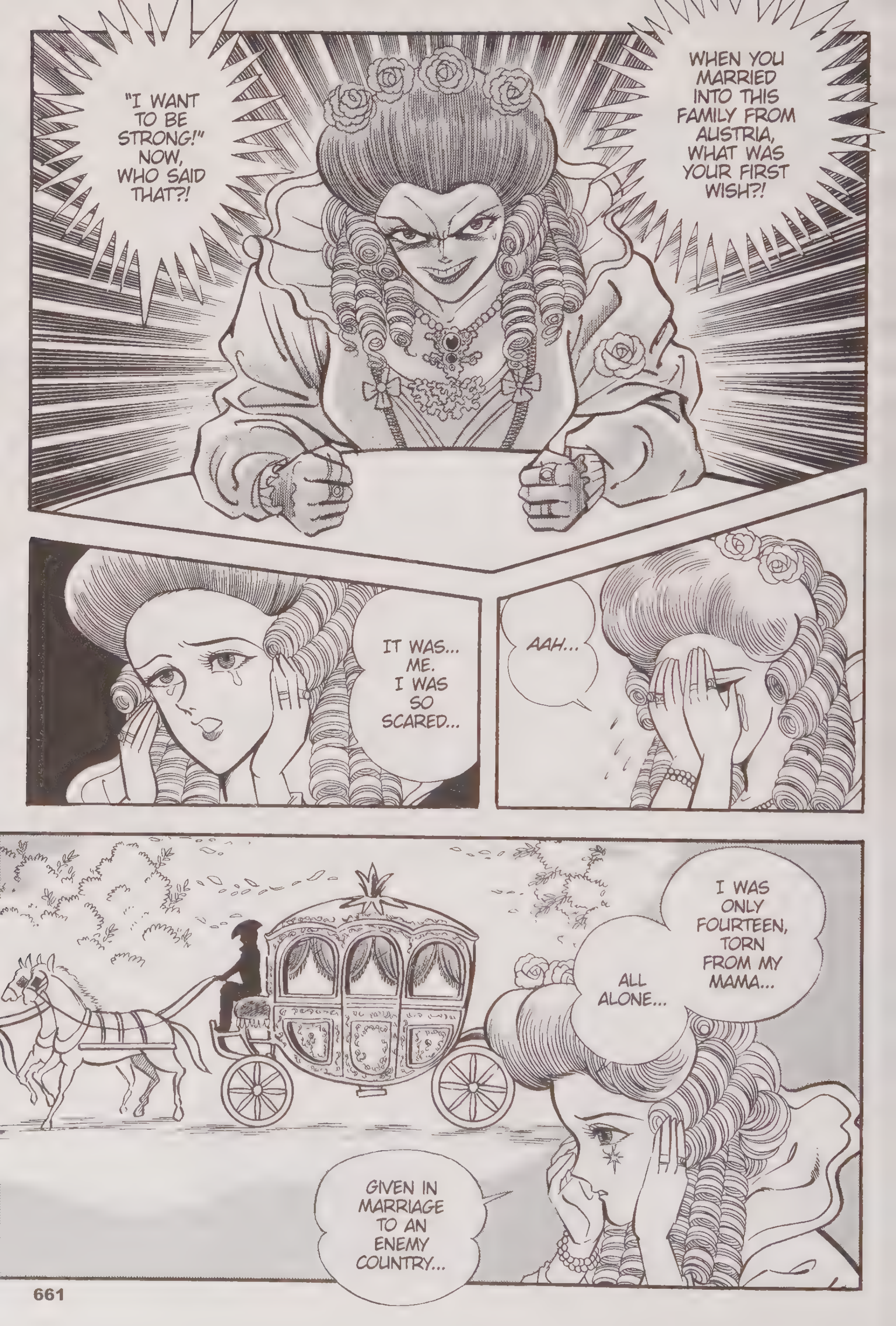

HERE!

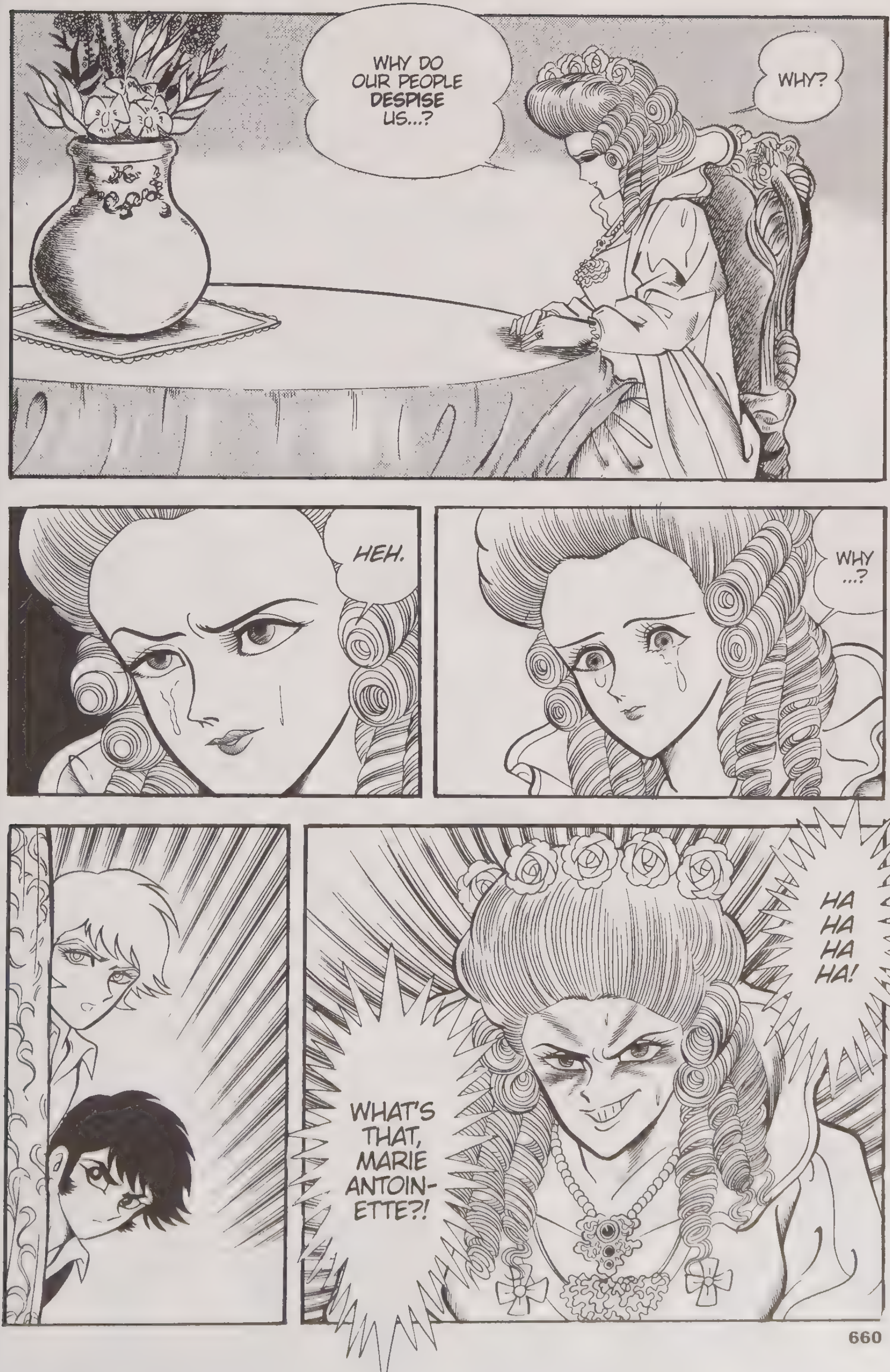

IT'S THE QUEEN! HER MAJESTY MARIE ANTOINETTE!
SHE'S THE DEMON?!
I'M NOT SURE...
BUT SHE HAS THE SCENT.

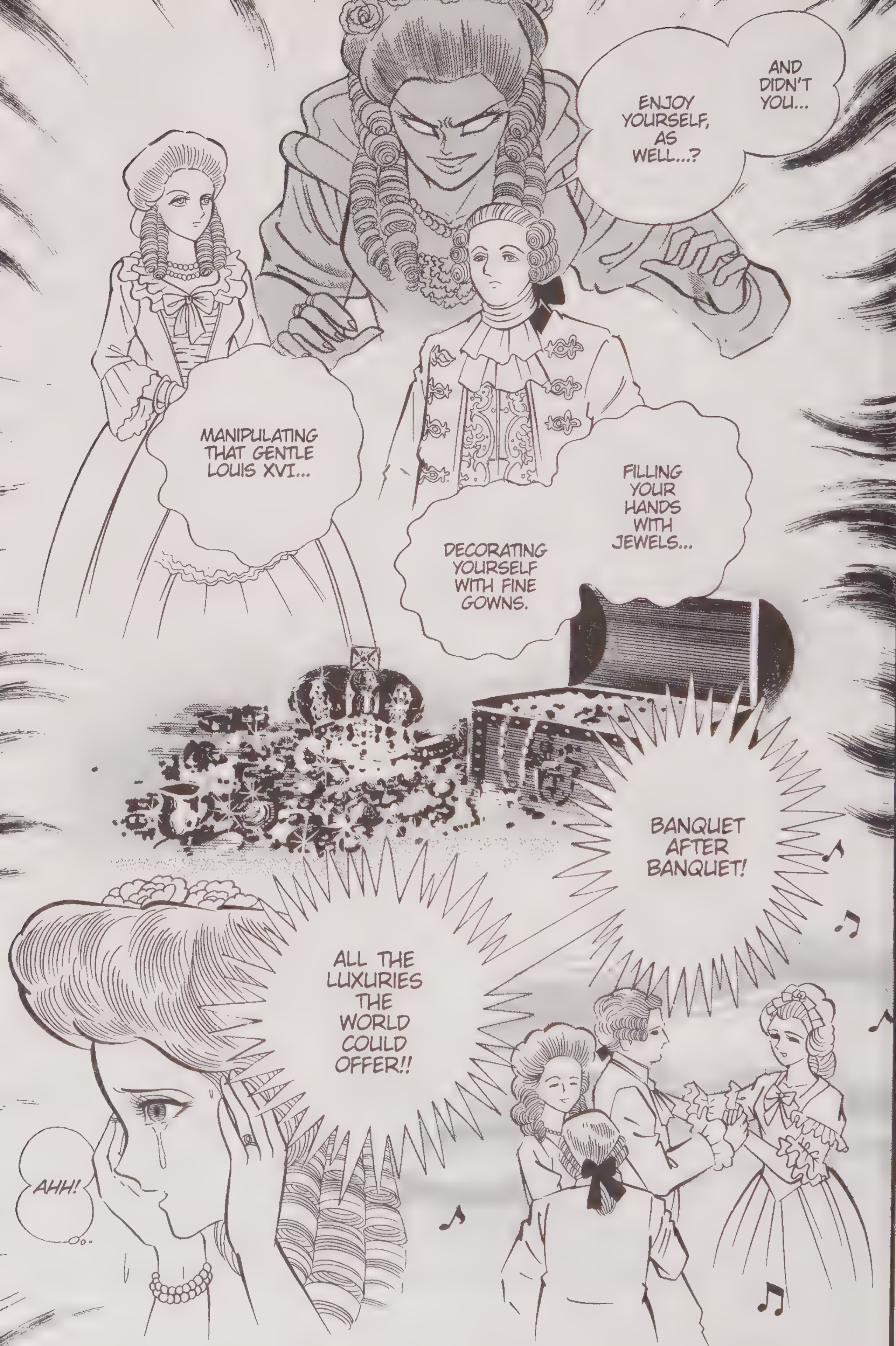

SHE'S COMING!
SHE'S THICK WITH DEMON SCENT!

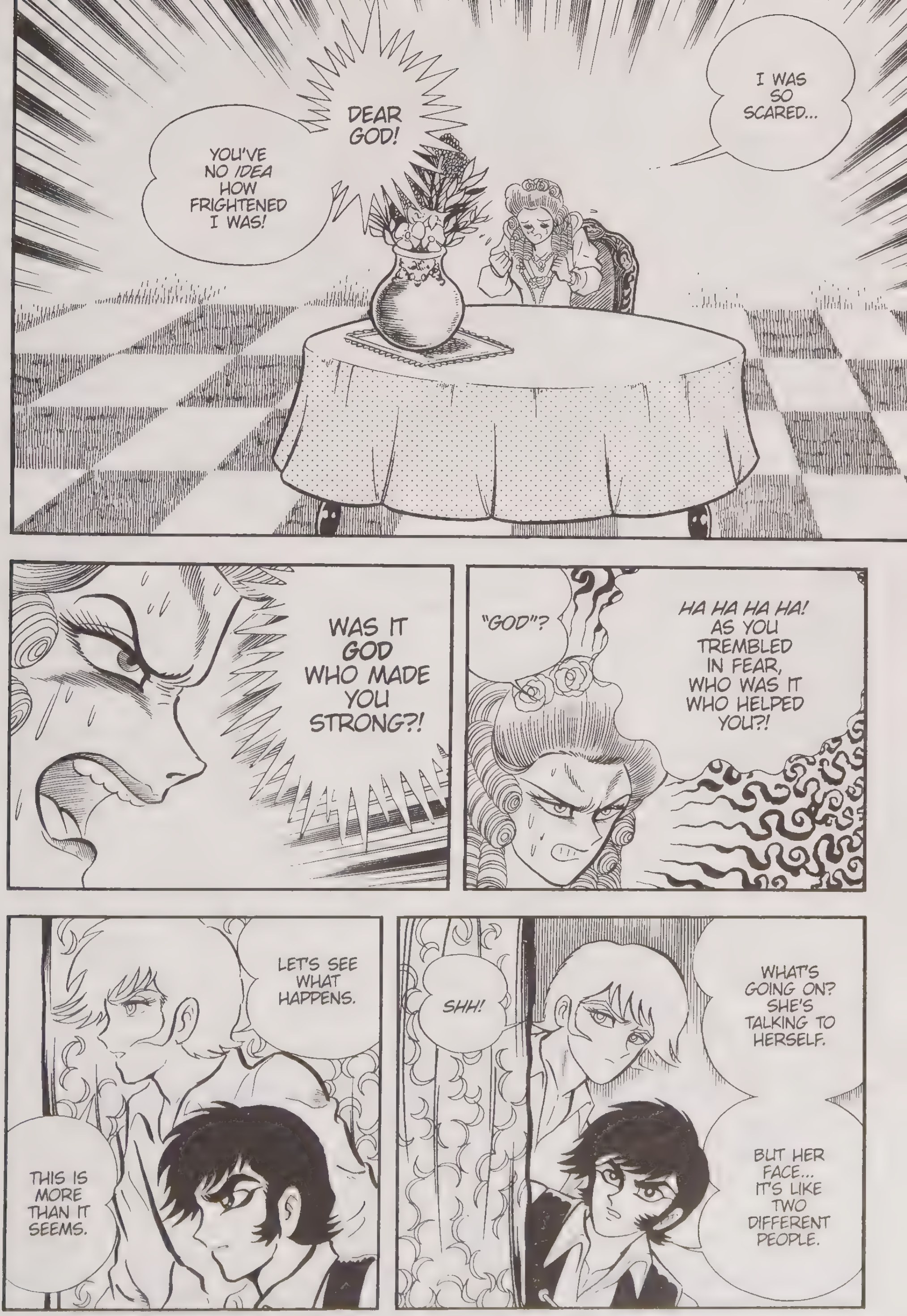


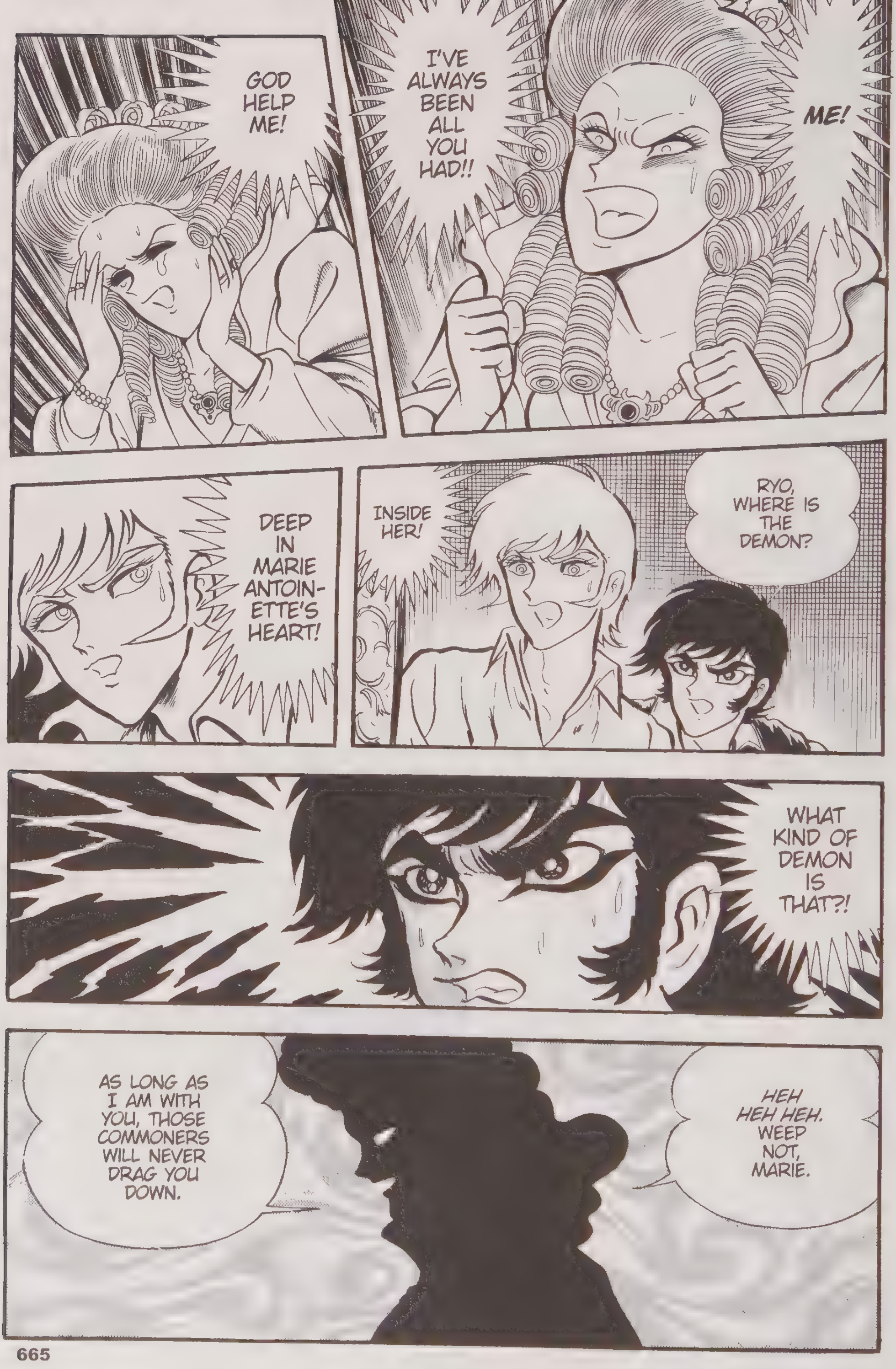


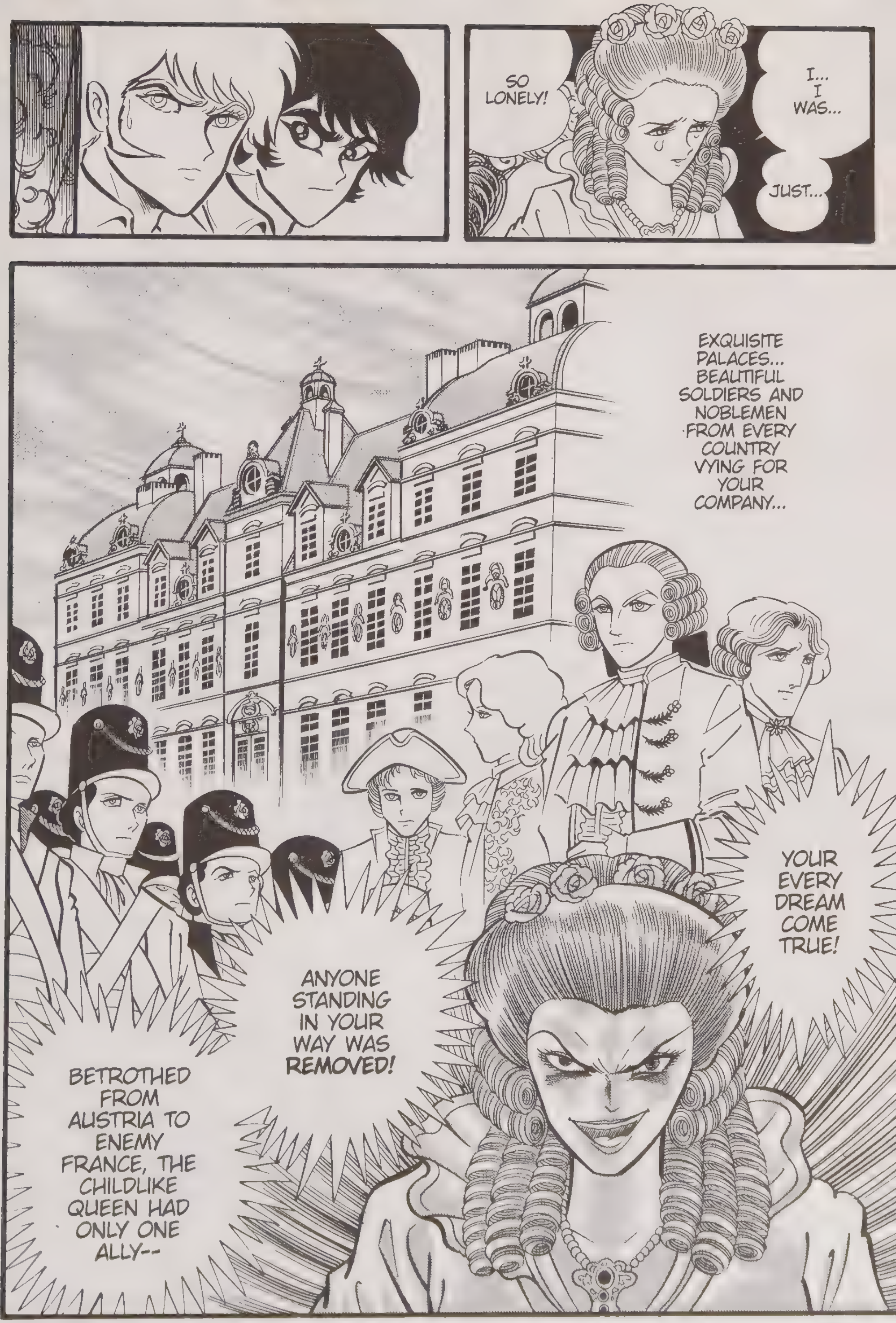

"I WANT TO BE STRONG!" NOW, WHO SAID THAT?!
WHEN YOU MARRIED INTO THIS FAMILY FROM AUSTRIA, WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST WISH?!
IT WAS... ME. I WAS SO SCARED...
AAH...
I WAS ONLY FOURTEEN, TORN FROM MY MAMA...
ALL ALONE...
GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO AN ENEMY COUNTRY...

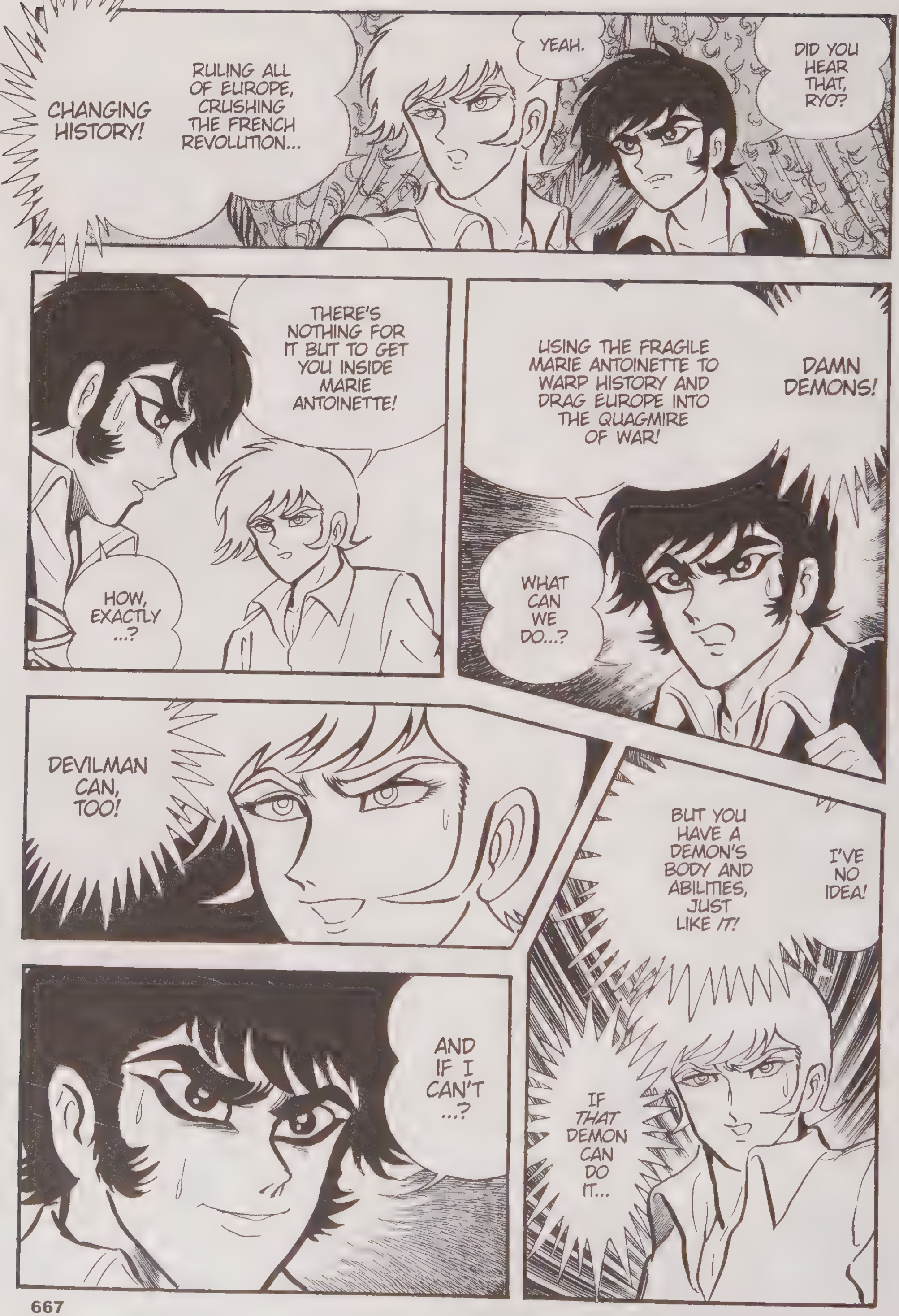

WHY?
WHY DO OUR PEOPLE DESPISE US...?
WHY ...?
HEH.
HA HA HA HA!
WHAT'S THAT, MARIE ANTOINETTE?!

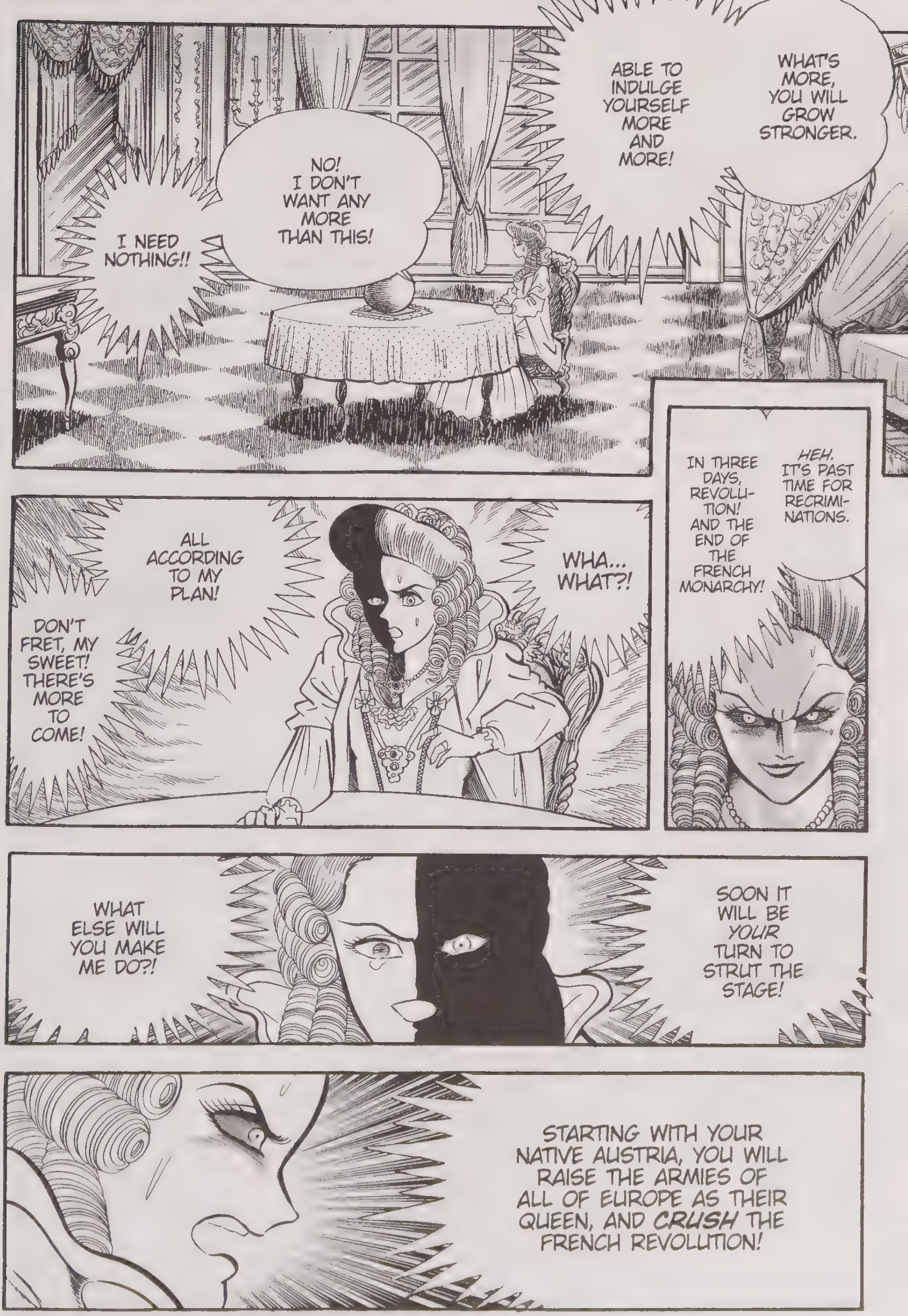

AND DIDN'T YOU...
ENJOY YOURSELF, AS WELL...?
MANIPULATING THAT GENTLE LOUIS XVI...
FILLING YOUR HANDS WITH JEWELS...
DECORATING YOURSELF WITH FINE GOWNS.
BANQUET AFTER BANQUET!
ALL THE LUXURIES THE WORLD COULD OFFER!!
AHH!

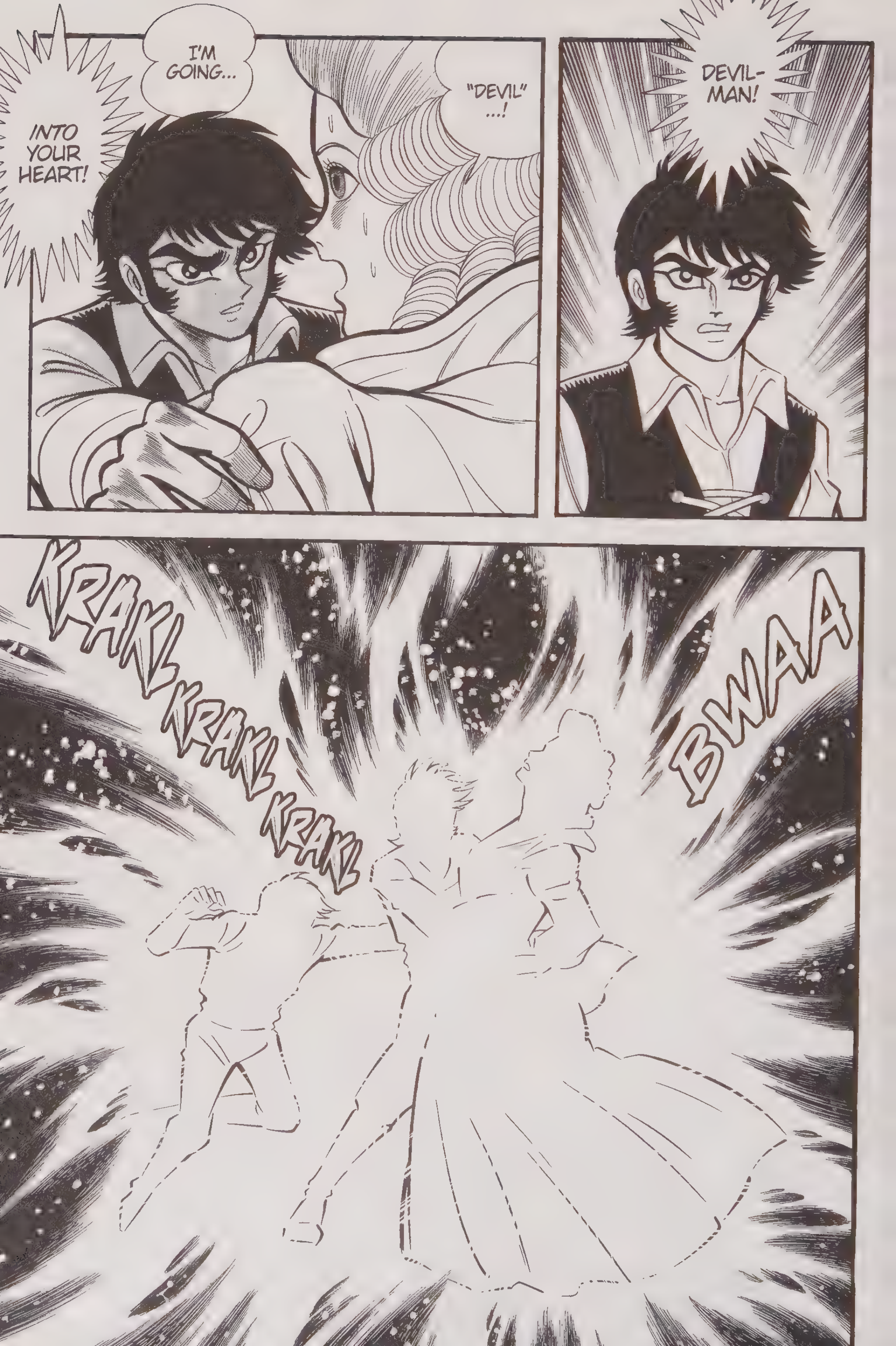

I WAS SO SCARED...
DEAR GOD!
YOU'VE NO *IDEA* HOW FRIGHTENED I WAS!
HA HA HA HA! AS YOU TREMBLED IN FEAR, WHO WAS IT WHO HELPED YOU?!
"GOD"?
WAS IT **GOD** WHO MADE YOU STRONG?!
WHAT'S GOING ON? SHE'S TALKING TO HERSELF.
SHH!
BUT HER FACE... IT'S LIKE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS.
THIS IS MORE THAN IT SEEMS.

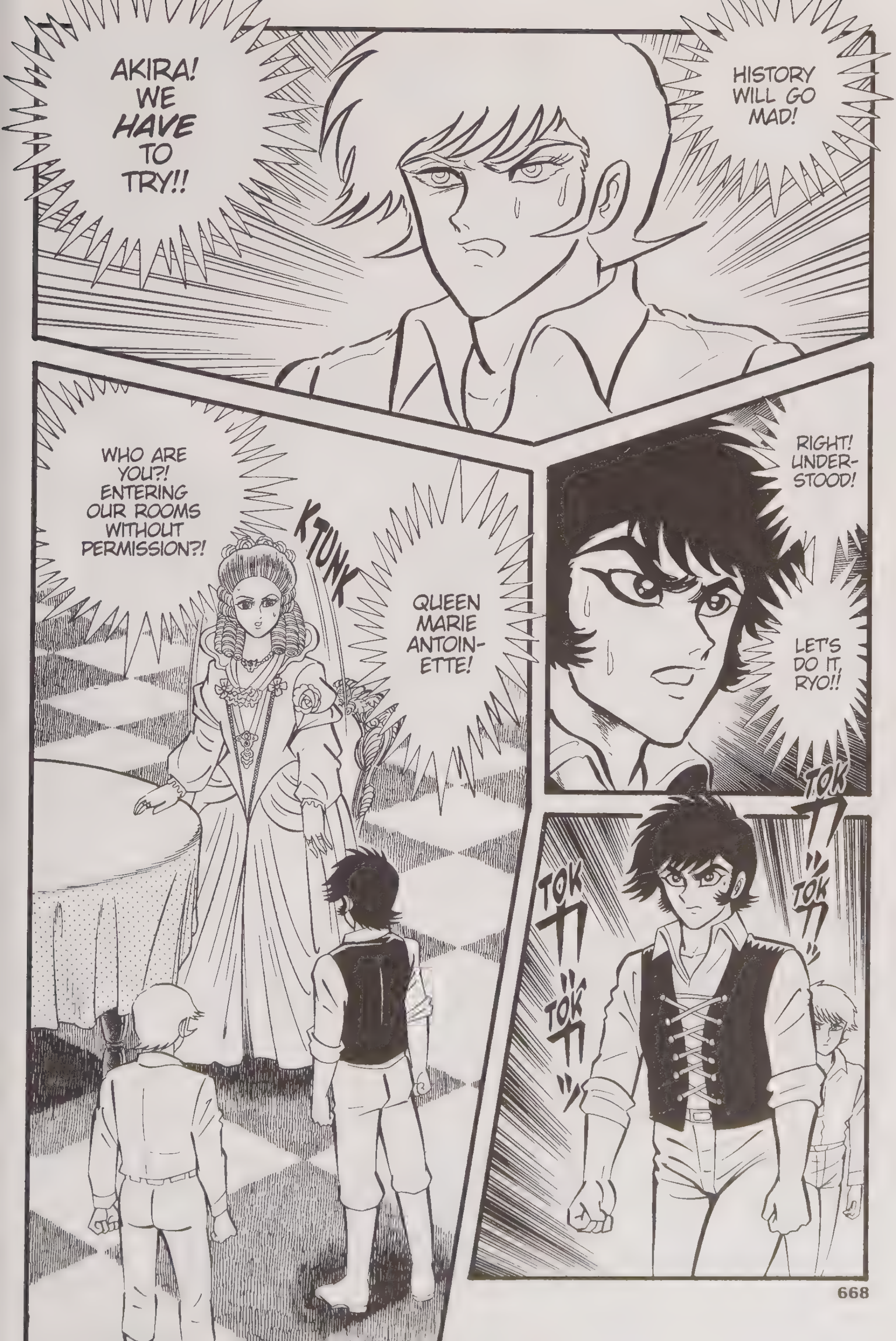

ME!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALL YOU HAD!!
GOD HELP ME!
RYO, WHERE IS THE DEMON?
INSIDE HER!
DEEP IN MARIE ANTOINETTE'S HEART!
WHAT KIND OF DEMON IS THAT?!
HEH HEH HEH. WEEP NOT, MARIE.
AS LONG AS I AM WITH YOU, THOSE COMMONERS WILL NEVER DRAG YOU DOWN.

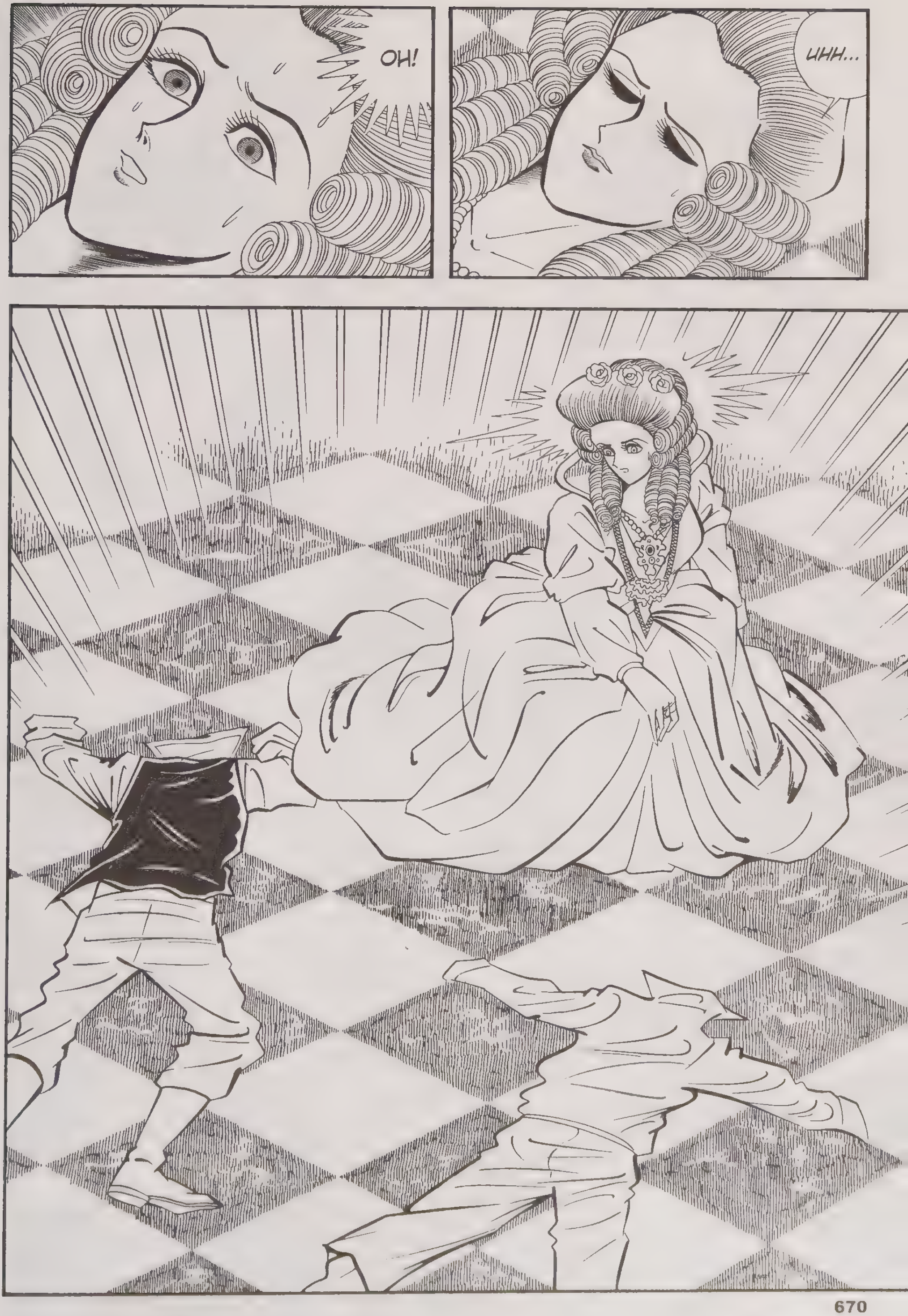

I... I WAS...
JUST...
SO LONELY!
EXQUISITE PALACES... BEAUTIFUL SOLDIERS AND NOBLEMEN FROM EVERY COUNTRY VYING FOR YOUR COMPANY...
YOUR EVERY DREAM COME TRUE!
ANYONE STANDING IN YOUR WAY WAS REMOVED!
BETROTHED FROM AUSTRIA TO ENEMY FRANCE, THE CHILDLIKE QUEEN HAD ONLY ONE ALLY--

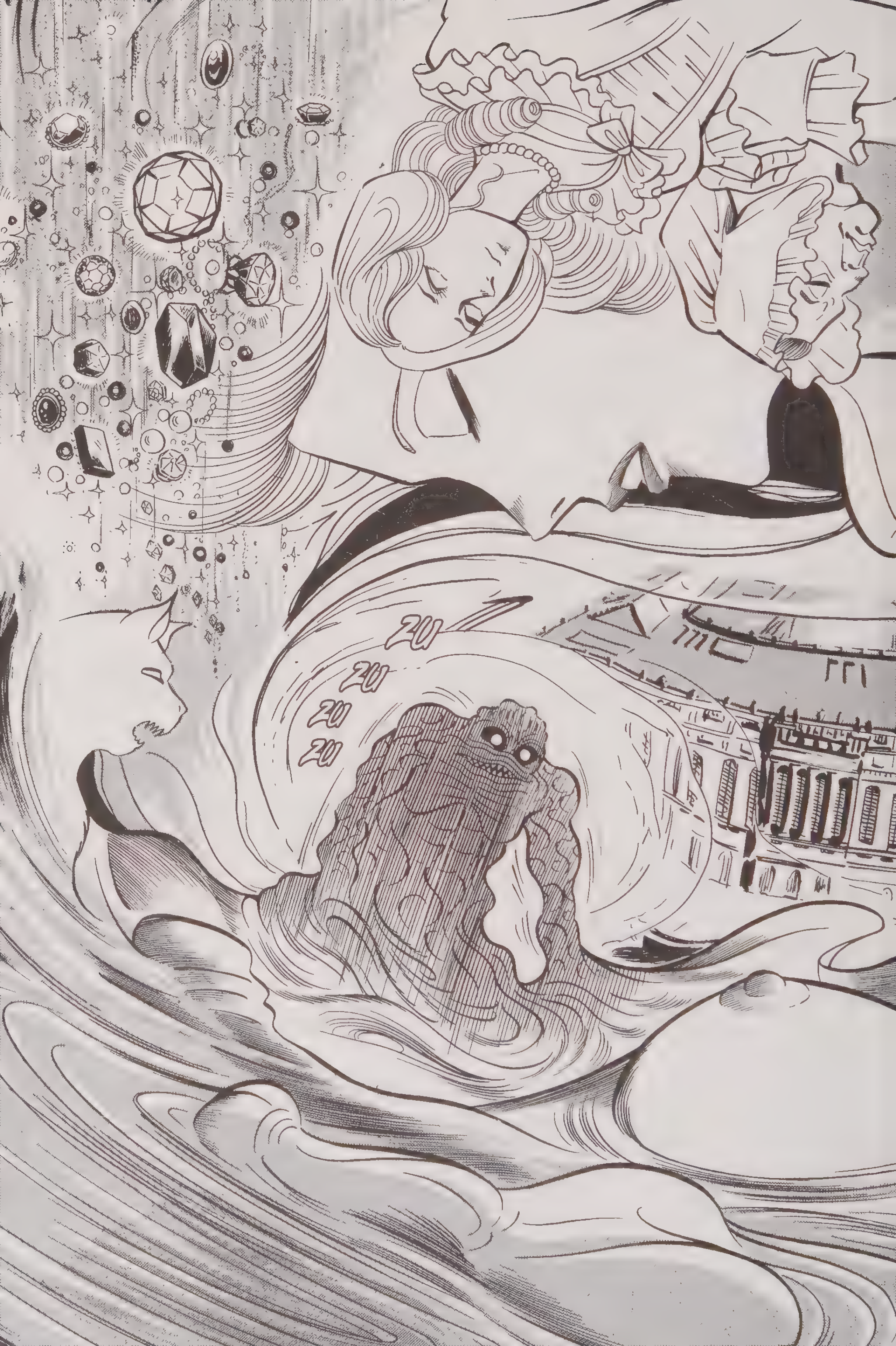

DID YOU HEAR THAT, RYO?
YEAH.
RULING ALL OF EUROPE, CRUSHING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION...
CHANGING HISTORY!
DAMN DEMONS!
USING THE FRAGILE MARIE ANTOINETTE TO WARP HISTORY AND DRAG EUROPE INTO THE QUAGMIRE OF WAR!
WHAT CAN WE DO...?
THERE'S NOTHING FOR IT BUT TO GET YOU INSIDE MARIE ANTOINETTE!
HOW, EXACTLY ...?
I'VE NO IDEA!
BUT YOU HAVE A DEMON'S BODY AND ABILITIES, JUST LIKE *IT!*
IF *THAT* DEMON CAN DO IT...
DEVILMAN CAN, TOO!
AND IF I CAN'T ...?


WHAT'S MORE, YOU WILL GROW STRONGER.
ABLE TO INDULGE YOURSELF MORE AND MORE!
NO! I DON'T WANT ANY MORE THAN THIS!
I NEED NOTHING!!
HEH. IT'S PAST TIME FOR RECRIMINATIONS.
IN THREE DAYS, REVOLUTION! AND THE END OF THE FRENCH MONARCHY!
WHA... WHAT?!
ALL ACCORDING TO MY PLAN!
DON'T FRET, MY SWEET! THERE'S MORE TO COME!
SOON IT WILL BE *YOUR* TURN TO STRUT THE STAGE!
WHAT ELSE WILL YOU MAKE ME DO?!
STARTING WITH YOUR NATIVE AUSTRIA, YOU WILL RAISE THE ARMIES OF ALL OF EUROPE AS THEIR QUEEN, AND *CRUSH* THE FRENCH REVOLUTION!


I'M GOING...
INTO YOUR HEART!
"DEVIL" ...!
DEVIL-MAN!
KRAKL KRAKL KRAKL
BWAA


HISTORY WILL GO MAD!
AKIRA! WE *HAVE* TO TRY!!
RIGHT! UNDERSTOOD!
LET'S DO IT, RYO!!
TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
QUEEN MARIE ANTOINETTE!
KTUNK
WHO ARE YOU?! ENTERING OUR ROOMS WITHOUT PERMISSION?!


UHH...
OH!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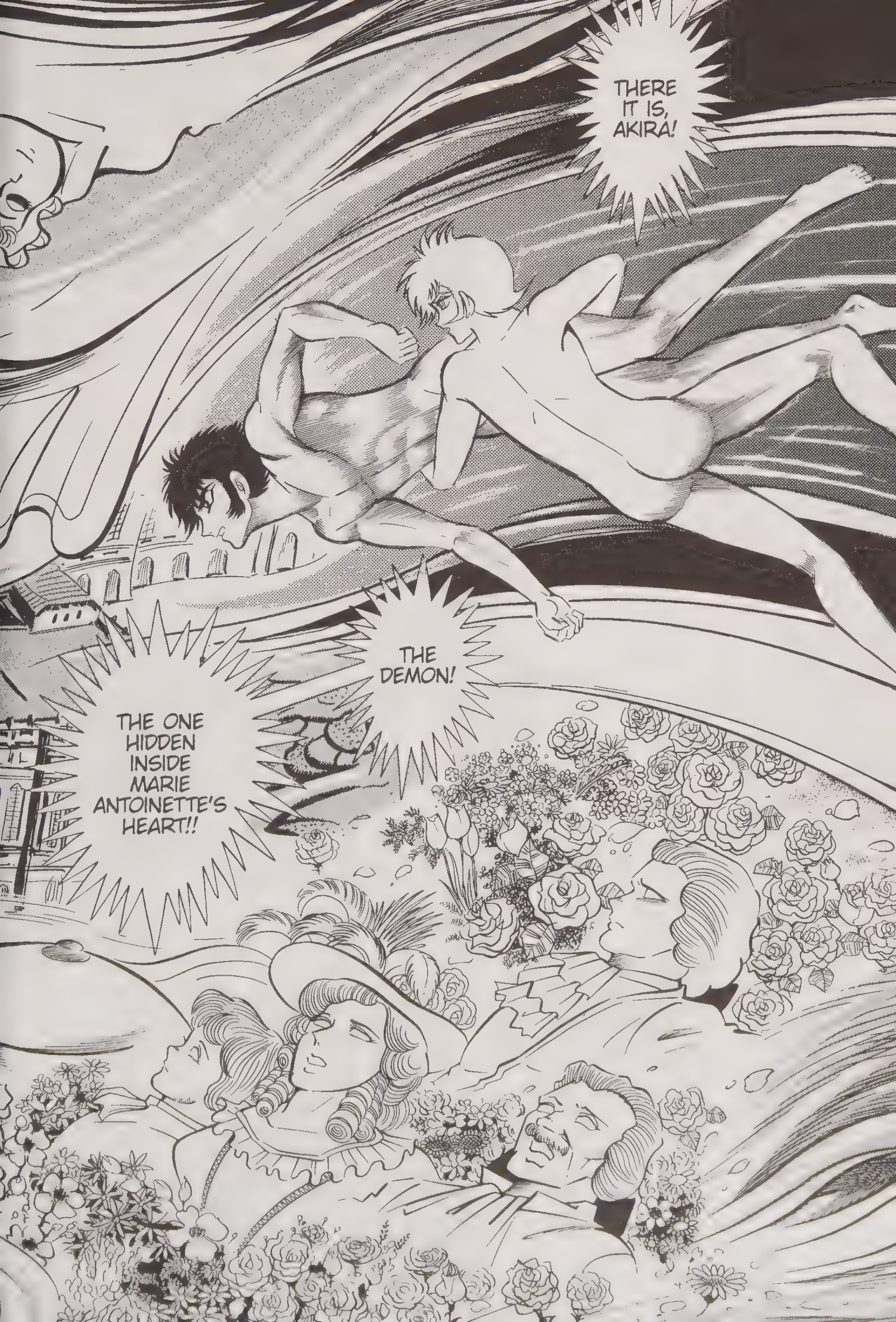
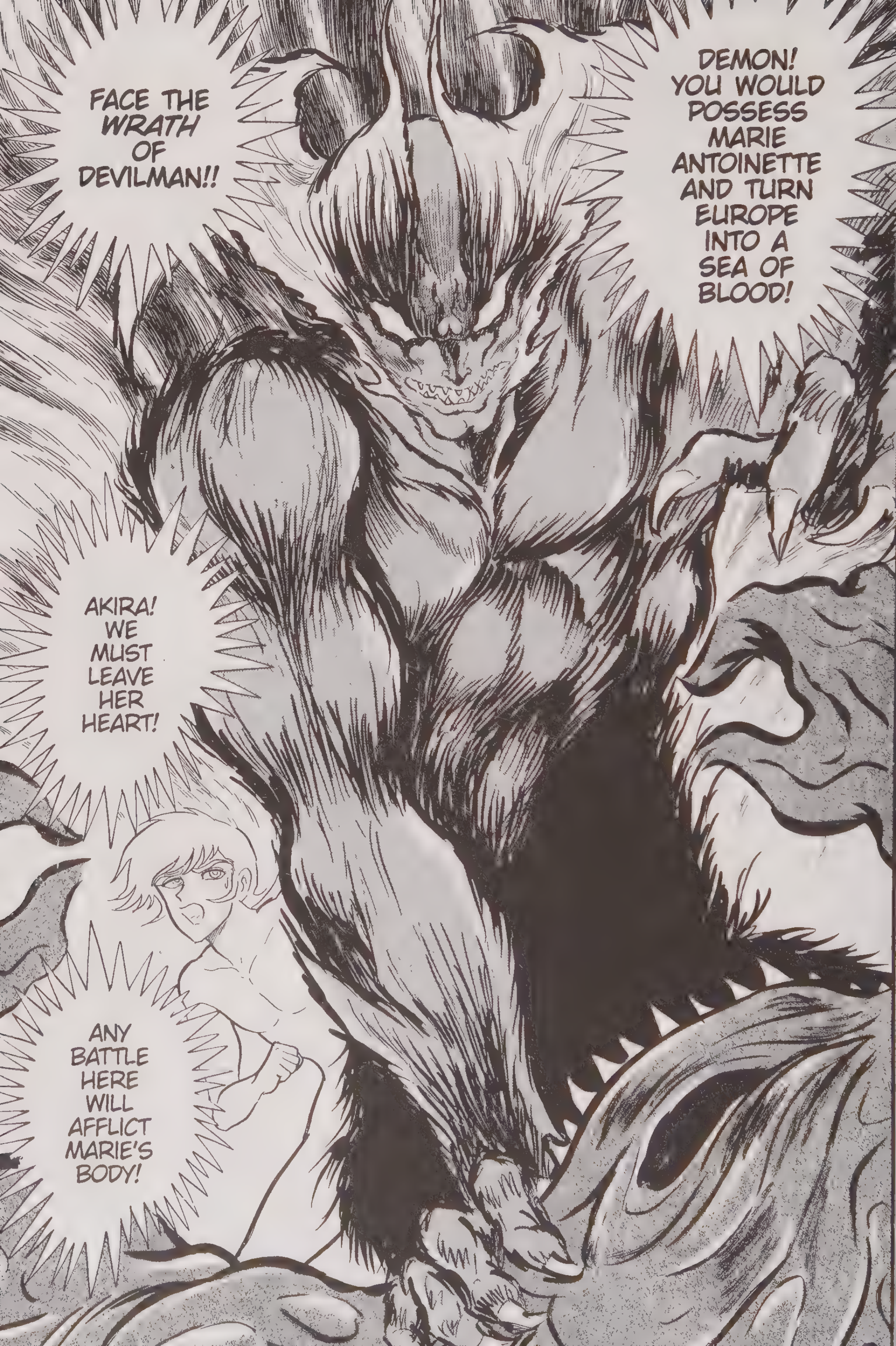
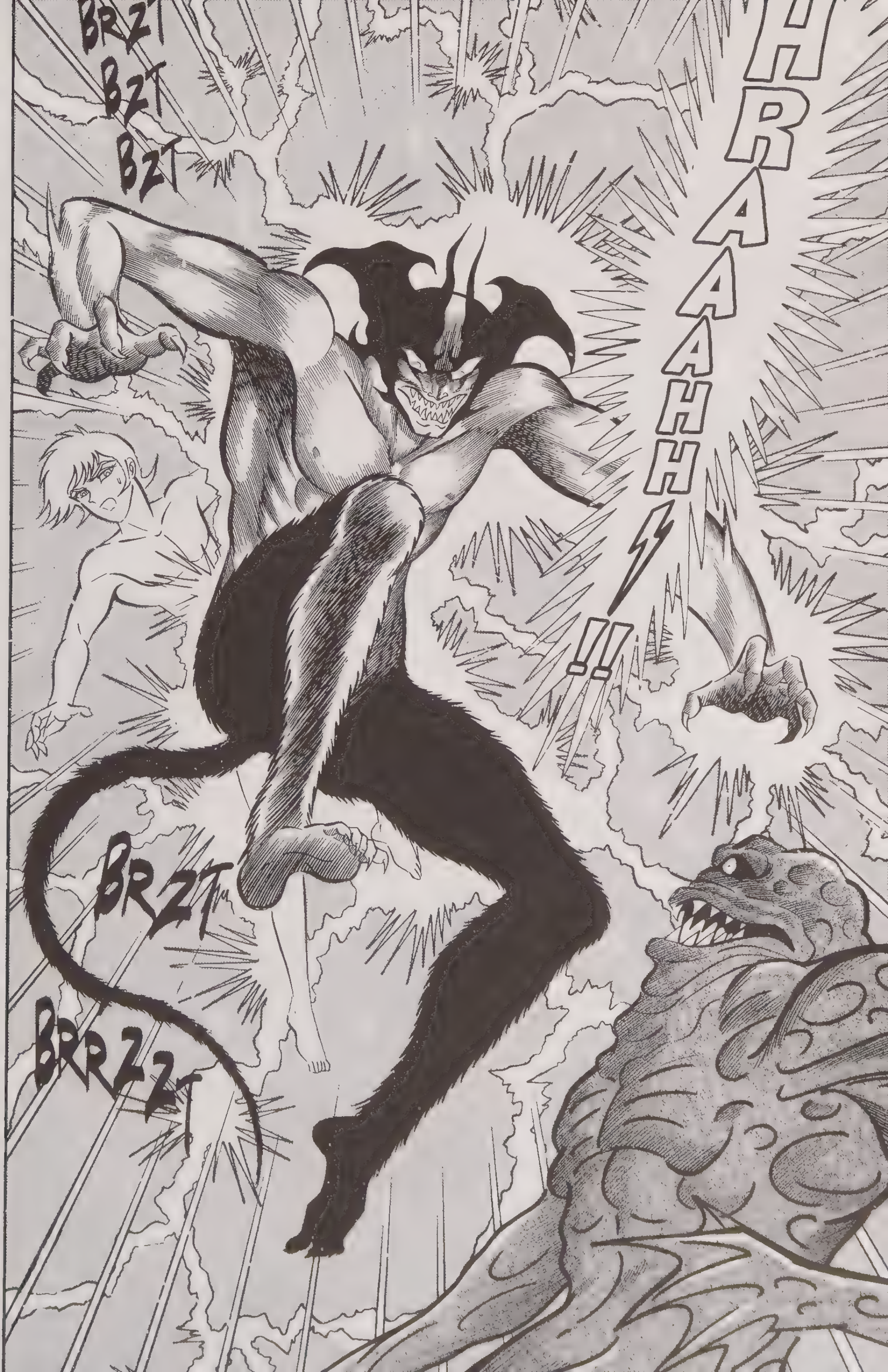

THERE IT IS, AKIRA!
THE DEMON!
THE ONE HIDDEN INSIDE MARIE ANTOINETTE'S HEART!!


DEMON! YOU WOULD POSSESS MARIE ANTOINETTE AND TURN EUROPE INTO A SEA OF BLOOD!
FACE THE *WRATH* OF DEVILMAN!!
AKIRA! WE MUST LEAVE HER HEART!
ANY BATTLE HERE WILL AFFLICT MARIE'S BODY!


HRAAAAHH!!
BRZT
BZT
BZT
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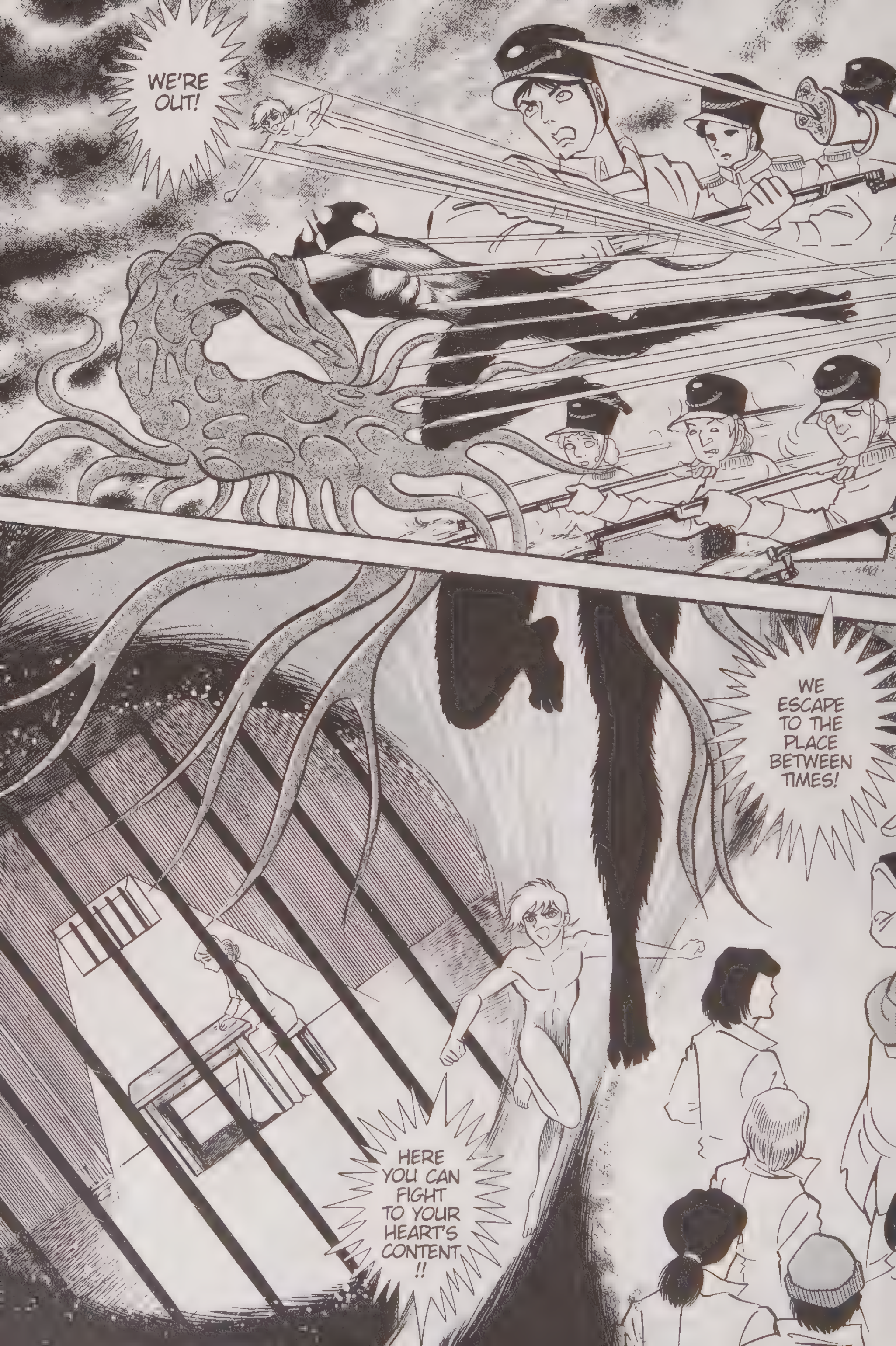
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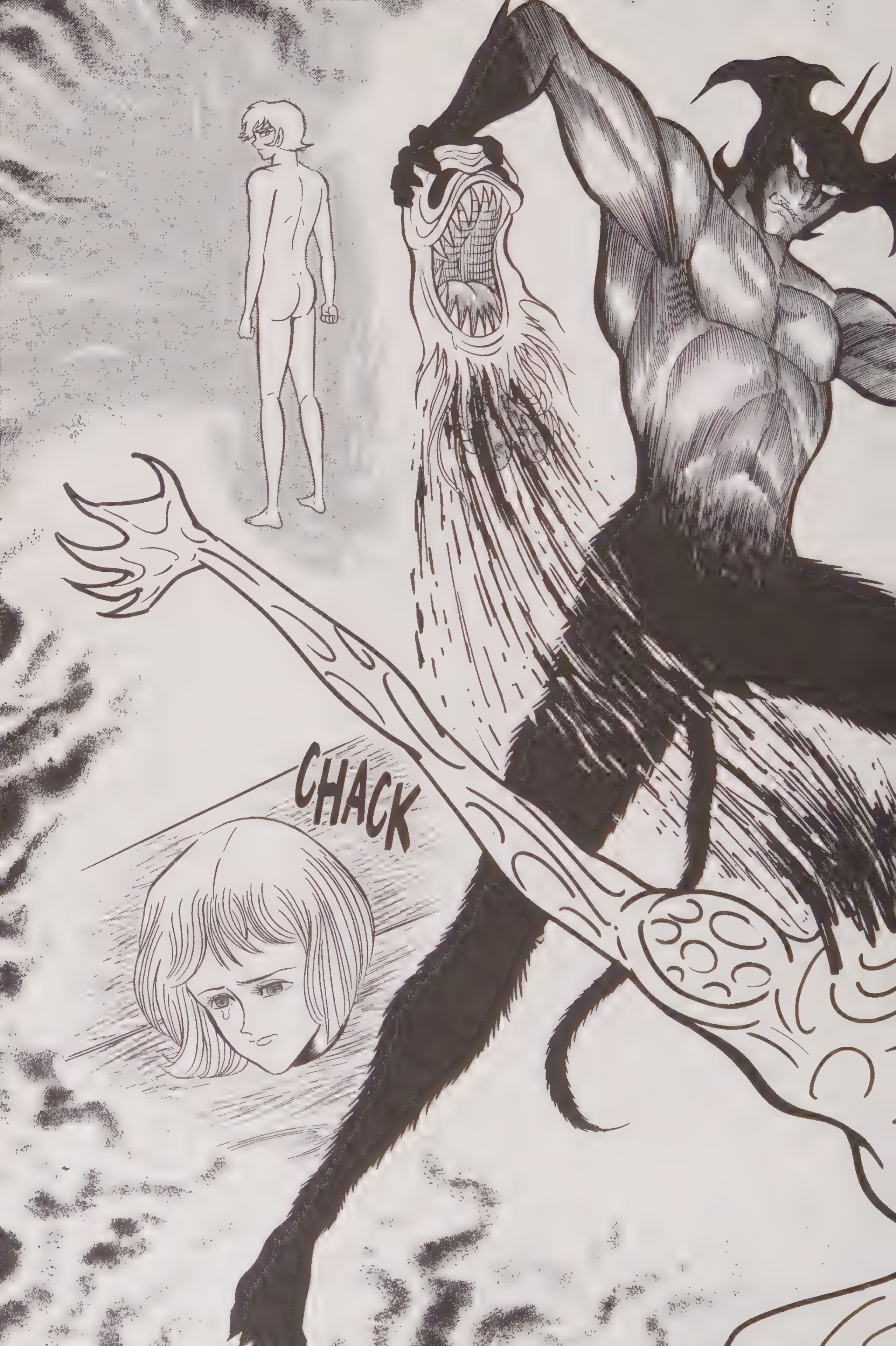
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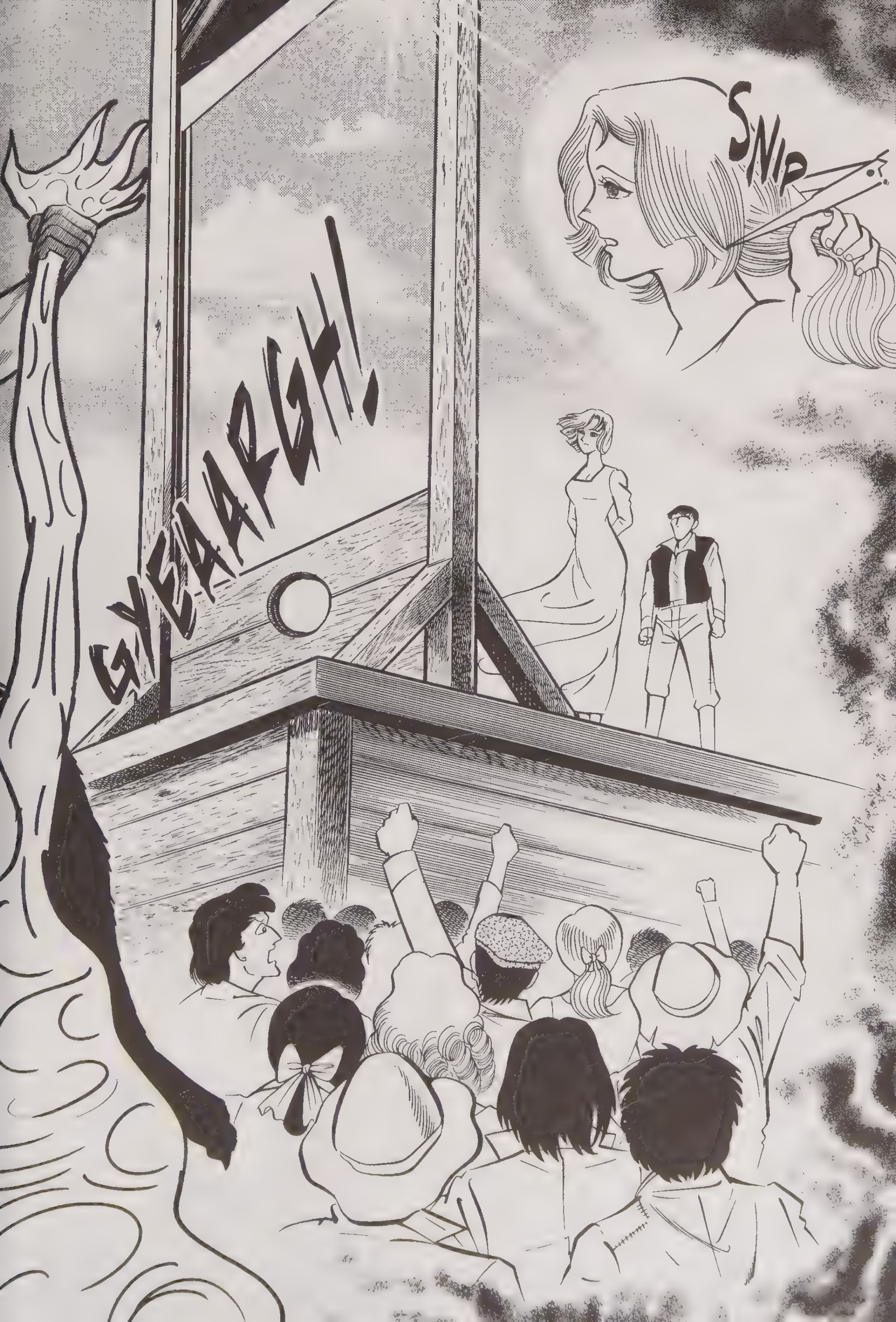
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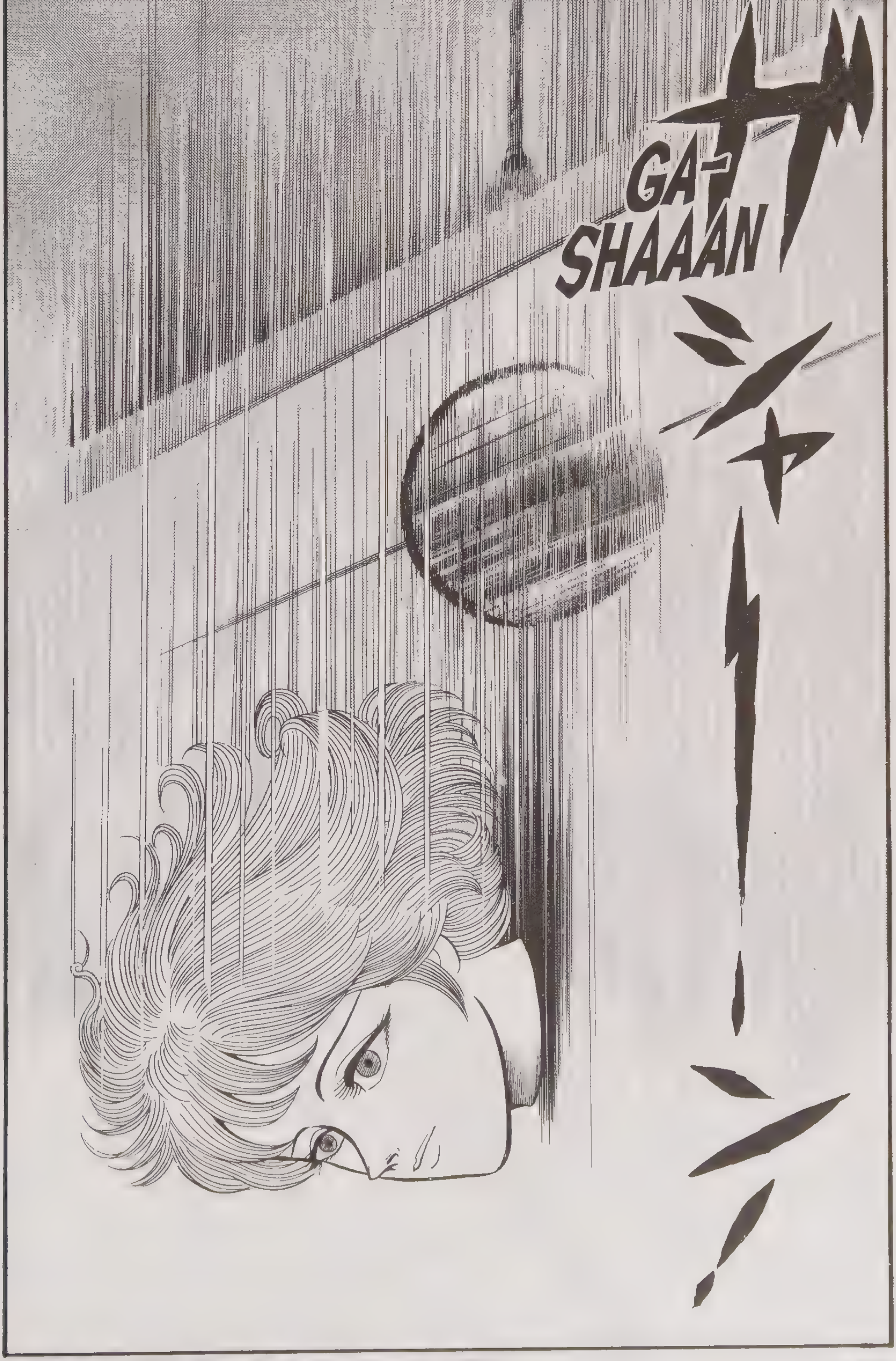
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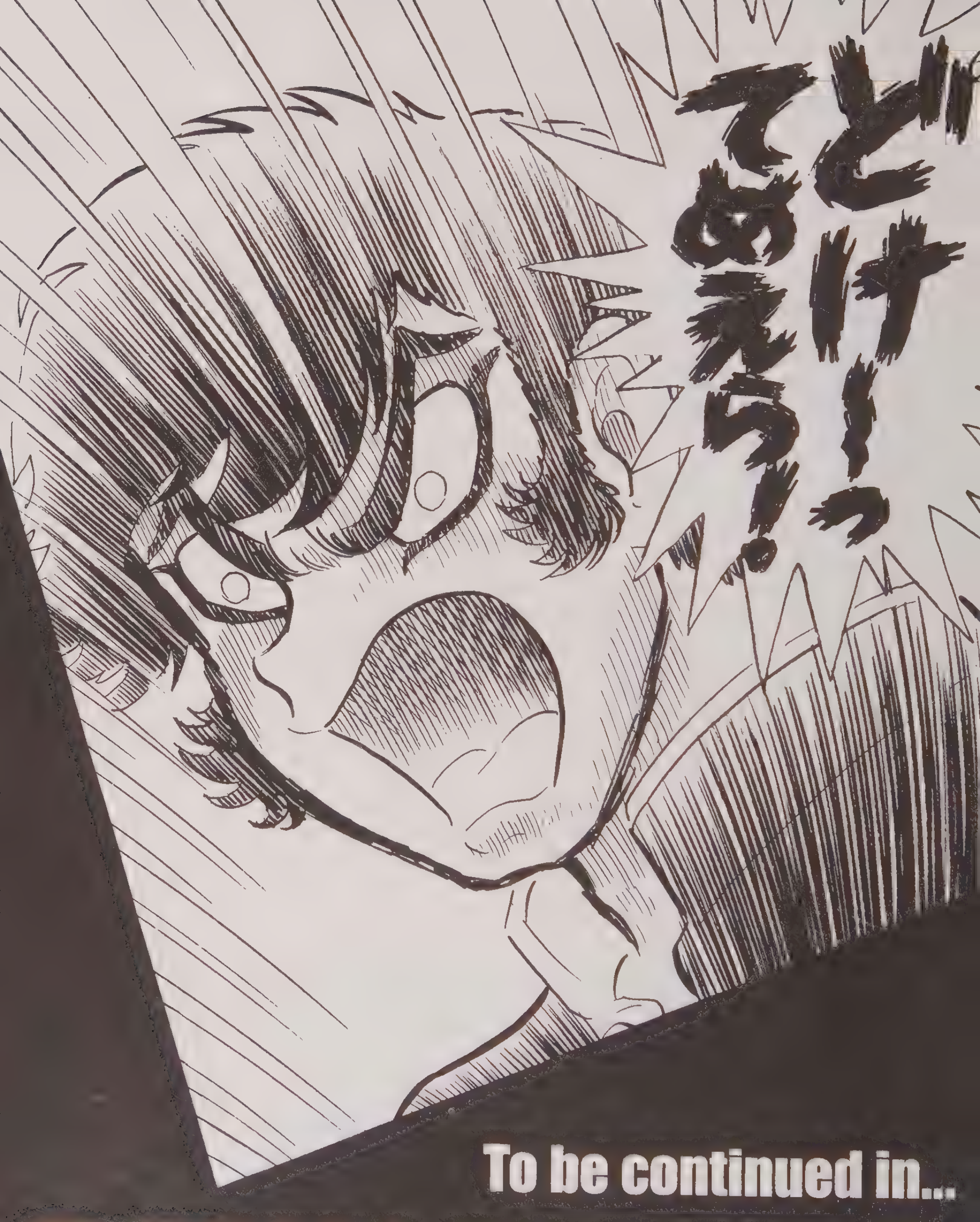

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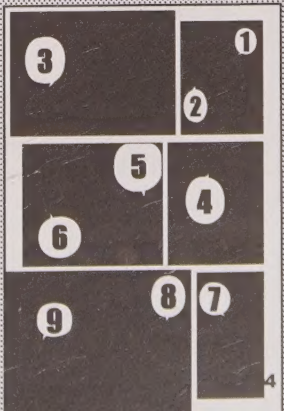

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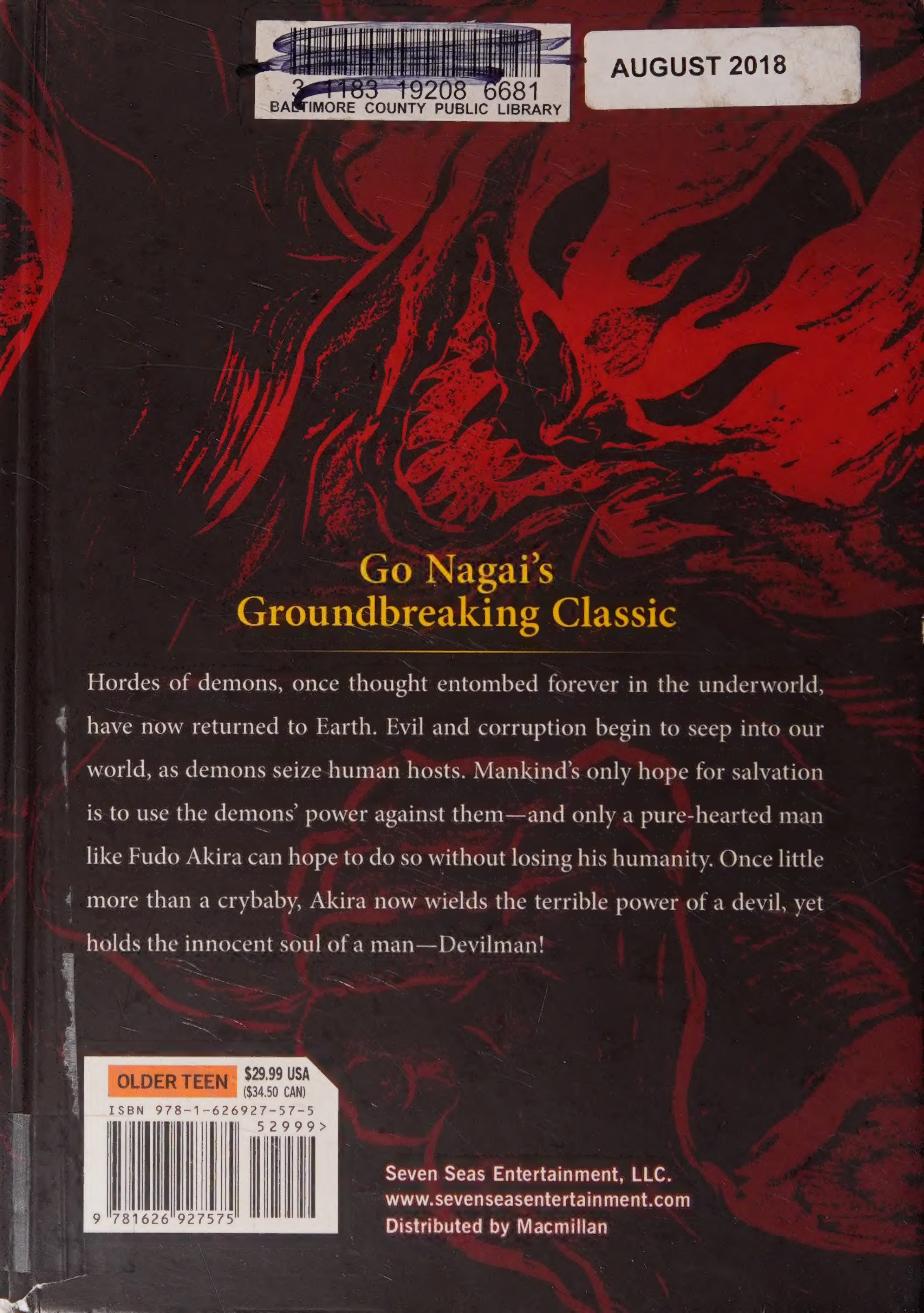

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